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Car ferry founders in North Sea

By a Staff Reporter

A massive rescue operation was launched in Zeebrugge harbour last night after the Townsend Thoresen ferry Herald of Free Enterprise began sinking after a collision at about 8 pm.

The ferry, carrying 590 passengers and 60 crew, was sailing for Dover and hit a harbour wall, a Dover Coastguard spokesman said.

No immediate details of casualties were available in the confusion. Townsend Thoresen spokesman Mr Richard Mills said: "The Herald of Free Enterprise left Zeebrugge at 1900 local time, 6 pm British Time

A spokesman for the Port Authority at Zeebrugge in Belgium said there were casualties, but he did not know how many.

It remains unclear how the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized, but the spokesman said there was no question of a collison with another ferry as some reports suggested.

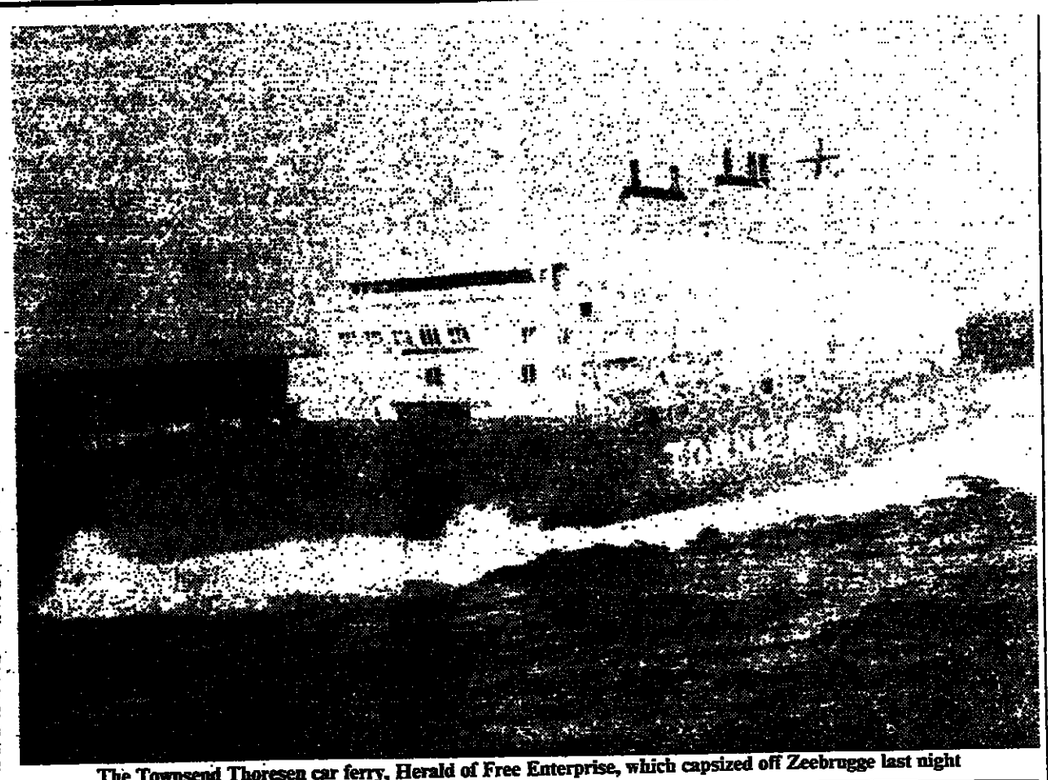
" There are 15 ships around the vessel to pick up as many people as possible and two helicopters are circling the ship searching for survivors in the water," said the spokesman.

A maritime police spokesman said all emergency services were on standby to take casualties to hospitals in the town.

A Zeebrugge pilot office spokesman said "an armada" of every single available ship, both large and small, was involved in the rescue operation.

" The Enterprise has actually sunk she's on her side there is only 25 per cent of her above sea level," said the spokesman.

Almost five years ago, two crewmen on board Townsend Thoresen's car and passenger ferry Free Enterprise III were injured by an engine room explosion while the ship was in mid-Channel. None of the 300 passengers was hurt.



The Townsend Thoresen car ferry, Herald of Free Enterprise, which capsized off Zeebrugge last night

Teachers vote for more strikes

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Every primary and secondary school in England and Wales is to be the target of a new wave of half-day strikes planned by the two largest teachers' unions for the week beginning Wednesday.

The National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers yesterday claimed 80 per cent support from their members after a ballot on the strike action. Details are to be announced tomorrow.

The rolling strikes will union leaders believe affect every one of the 28,000 schools and nine million pupils.

The action by the unions is in protest against the Government's imposition of a 16.4 per cent pay deal and the replacement of negotiating rights with an interim advisory committee.

Next week's initial phase is to be followed by a long guerilla campaign. The campaign "will go on for many months to come", Mr Fred Smithies, the NAS/UWT general secretary, said.

In the NUT, 115,541 members voted out of a possible 235,000, 78 per cent of them in favour of strikes. For the NAS/UWT, 84.8 per cent of just under half the membership of 128,000 voted for strikes.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said the ballot decision was a "resounding vote of no confidence in the Education Secretary."

Last night the result was hailed by Mr Giles Radice, Labour spokesman on education, as a "stinging rebuke" to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

But Mr Baker said: "This is a bad result for the militant teachers union leaders. In the teaching profession as a whole, some 400,000 teachers, only a third have voted for strike action or other action short of strikes.

"If Mr Jarvis and Mr Smithies had been honest enough to pose their question to members purely in terms of strike action, as opposed to strikes or other action we can be sure that the proportion of teachers supporting the unions' call would have been much less."

The action will affect the new General Certificate of Secondary Education 16-plus examination, now in its second term, and government pilot schemes for appraisal and activities outside the classroom.

A ban on cover for absent colleagues will be a key weapon when details of union plans are announced this weekend.

Labour reeling at 'loony' left leak

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock's careful attempt to avoid a renewed outbreak of party feuding in the aftermath of the Greenwich by-election disaster collapsed around him yesterday.

A wave of recriminations between party factions erupted after the leaking of a letter from Mr Kinnock's office firmly pinning the blame for Labour's difficulties and the Greenwich debacle on the activities of the London left and issues like "gays and lesbians" rights.

It handed Conservative Central Office another propaganda gift on the eve of today's Tory local government conference, with Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative chairman, alleging that the Labour councillors about whom Mr Kinnock was now complaining were those he had supported in last May's local elections.

Mr Kinnock went on to the offensive yesterday with a statement confirming what the leaked letter from his press secretary, Miss Patricia Hewitt, had disclosed — that he wants a London summit of MPs, candidates, council group leaders and party managers to try to break the power of the hard left in London and prevent a repetition of Greenwich.

He said that such a gathering would make it crystal clear that "those few whose antics attract sensational attention do not and will not exercise any influence on the policy, direction or leadership of the Labour Party". It would also "develop the most effective means of emphasizing the positive and creditable achievements of Labour in London and elsewhere." Mr Kinnock said: "Those are the best ways to push back the prejudice fostered by our opponents whilst showing people whose anxieties have been exploited that the sensible, radical and democratic values and policies of our party are strong and sustained."

Miss Hewitt's letter, to Mr Frank Dobson, Labour's campaign manager at Greenwich, and other party chiefs, stated: "It's obvious from our polling, as well as from the doorstep, that the 'London Effect' is now very noticeable. The 'loony-Labour left' is taking its toll: The gays and lesbians issue is costing us dear amongst the pensioners; and fear of extremism and higher taxes/rates is particularly prominent in the GLC area."

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, former leader of the Greater London Council and a parliamentary candidate, stated that it was "morally wrong" to make lesbians and gays the scapegoats for Labour's failure to surge ahead in the polls.

He suggested that Mr Kinnock should make a party speech spelling out where the party stands.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, interviewed on the Jimmy Young radio show, acccused the left of elevating support for gay and lesbian rights into a central item of policy. "The people in Greenwich were not saying that you should discriminate against homosexuals but people were saying "Why do you talk about it so much? Why do you not talk about the issues which are relevant to us such as schools, pensions, jobs and hospitals?"

Soviet optimism on missiles pact

Shultz ready for visit to Moscow next month

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan is sending Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, to Moscow next month to explore the prospects of a superpower summit in the summer and to press for a historic superpower agreement on intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Meanwhile, the chief Soviet arms negotiator, Mr Yuli Vorontsov, said in Paris yesterday that there had been a breakthrough in Soviet-American talks on cutting medium-range nuclear missiles. He expected a treaty would be ready for signing within three to four months following the latest talks, which recessed in Geneva yesterday.

He told a news conference that "all the elements point to optimism" and only technical work on treaty language remained outstanding. The Soviet side planned to "take an attacking position" in pressing for the widest possible verification of the treaty.

Mr Shultz will hold talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, between April 13-16 on a range of topics. But the encounter will be dominated by the rapid progress being made at Geneva. It will be the first high-level encounter between the superpowers since last November.

Mr Maynard Glitman, who heads the Geneva talks, has been ordered to return to the Swiss capital immediately by President Reagan to keep the momentum going.

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US arms negotiator, was summoned to Washington this week with Mr Glitman and Mr Ron Lehman, the other top negotiators, to give President Reagan an up-to-date assessment of progress. The White House said after Mr Reagan met the three yesterday: "The level, intensity and seriousness of the effort in Geneva have brought us closer to significant reductions in nuclear arms."

The three negotiators cautioned yesterday that obstacles still remained. Mr Glitman told reporters that "100 per cent certainty" could not be achieved in any verification accord, but that the US was trying to get as close to a foolproof agreement as possible. That would have to involve on-site inspection.

Throughout yesterday there was a flurry of optimistic comments and assessments from top Administration officials about the progress on abolishing the Euromissiles. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said the prospects were brighter now that the Soviet Union had "decoupled" the issue from the Strategic Defence Initiative, or Star Wars.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser, asked if a summit was possible this summer between Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, said: "If there is progress — and developments look promising — that would certainly be a possibility."

● PARIS: The USSR sought yesterday to put the US on the offensive on the key issue of verification in the Geneva arms talks (Diana Geddes writes).

Mr Vorontsov, the chief Soviet negotiator, said that the USSR was fully prepared to accept all forms of verification of an agreement on the elimination of medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe, provided the US was willing to do the same.

Speaking at a press conference at the Russian Embassy in Paris on his way back from Geneva to Moscow, Mr Vorontsov said that hitherto the West had always tended to take the offensive on the verification issue. But on this occasion, where the total liquidation of medium-range missiles was concerned, Moscow was as interested, if not more interested, than the West to ensure that all the missiles were physically destroyed and that nothing was done to replace them.

This, Mr Vorontsov maintained, would require new legislation in the US to allow the Russians access to all depots, sites and factories where missiles were based or manufactured.

Reciprocal arrangements for the Americans in the Soviet Union would cause no problem, he added.

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Mortgages warning by building societies

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

As pressure builds for an early cut in interest rates, building societies gave a warning yesterday that a one percentage point drop in bank base rates would not be enough to allow them to cut their home loan rates.

At present, mortgage rates stand at about 12.5 per cent and the societies say that a 2 per cent drop in base rates would enable them to lower their home loan charges by about 0.5 per cent.

But intense competition in attracting deposits makes it hard for societies to cut their rates.

So far, the authorities have not allowed interest rates to drop despite the strength of the pound. But it is expected that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will allow rates to fall at about the time of the Budget in ten days.

The Nationwide, the third largest society, said that if interest rates started to fall institutions would try to improve the attractiveness of their savings products by dropping the interest rates slowly.

But that would reduce their scope for cutting mortgage rates.

Pressure on the societies to attract extra funds for lending is strong because the mortgage market is more buoyant than usual this year.

As well as meeting this demand, the societies have to prepare for the surge in lending during the Spring.

Sterling rises, page 13

INSIDE

2 in Boy George case jailed

A couple who conspired to supply heroin to Boy George were each jailed for four years.

A jury at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, found Steven Luben, aged 36, and Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, guilty by majority verdicts Page 3

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Ladbroke cash

A £294 million call for cash has been made to shareholders to expand Ladbroke, the betting, hotels, property and do-it-yourself stores group Page 13

Policy warning

Insurance companies have been criticized by the industry's ombudsman for not drawing the attention of policyholders to changes in cover

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Andries bout

Dennis Andries, of Britain, the world light-heavyweight boxing champion, defends his title against the dangerous Thomas Hearns Page 31

Chelsea crisis

Chelsea have been hit by an injury-crisis before today's League clash with Arsenal, still chasing the first division championship, FA and Littlewoods Cups Page 36

Portfolio Gold

● The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.
● There is £12,000 to be won today, £8,000 in the weekly competition and another £4,000 daily prize.
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Poll surge by Tories

The Conservatives have drawn away from Labour to gain a 4 per cent lead, with support for the Alliance creeping up, according to a Gallup poll published last night.

The monthly poll of 9,000 people carried out in February for BBC TV's *Newsnight* programme gives the Conservatives 37.7 per cent; Labour, 33.7 per cent and the SDP/Liberal Alliance, 26.6 per cent.

The latest poll would give the Conservatives a majority of 349 seats in the Commons — an overall majority of 48.

Heseltine's comeback, page 2

Royal emblem ban on whisky

Mr Dafydd Gittins, the Welsh whisky maker, has been ordered by the Lord Chamberlain to remove the three feathers emblem of the Prince of Wales from his bottles.

Togo admitted

Washington (AP) — The Republic of Togo has become the 113th member of the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, Intelsat announced.

Burma leader back in public

Bangkok (AFP) — The Burmese leader, General Ne Win, has reappeared in public for the first time since he reportedly fell ill in February, according to a Radio Rangoon broadcast.

This was the first reported public appearance by the chairman of the Burma Socialist Programme Party since his planned visit to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore on February 19 was called off at the last moment.

Leniency call for Briton on death sentence

By Robin Young

Derrick Gregory, a former painter and decorator from Surrey, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged in Penang after being found guilty of trying to smuggle more than a pound of heroin out of Malaysia in 1982.

Leaving the court, he told reporters that the verdict was what everyone had expected. "I still say that I had a fair trial, but we have now got to lodge an appeal and see what that will bring."

Sir Barney Hayhoe, the Conservative MP for Brentford and Isleworth, said he was "shocked and saddened" by the sentence. The circumstances of Gregory's case "merit more compassionate and merciful treatment than he has received".

Mental plea rejected, page 6

BMA urges hepatitis jabs for NHS staff

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

About 500,000 National Health Service staff, from surgeons to hospital porters, should be immunized against hepatitis B to control the spread of the disease, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

The recommendation that will be sent to the Department of Health could cost the health service as much as £35 million because of the vaccine's high price — about £70 per person.

About 1,300 cases of hepatitis B occur in Britain every year and around 30 per cent prove fatal. The illness can progress to chronic liver disease and liver cancer.

More than 200 million people in the world are believed to be carriers of the infection which can be easily transmitted in blood.

The BMA is concerned that thousands of NHS employees, including doctors and nurses, are at risk of either transmitting or receiving the infection during their contact with patients.

Because the infection can be life-long, health workers who become infected have to be withdrawn from patient contact, the BMA said. That had meant, in some cases, surgeons having to give up operating and being retrained in another field.

Apart from health workers, among those at very high risk from infection are the sexually promiscuous, particularly homosexuals, the BMA said. The disease is more prevalent in adults in large towns and cities and among people living in poor socio-economic circumstances.

One of the problems associated with hepatitis B vaccines is that they may confer only temporary immunity in some cases.

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Forces recruits 'failing fitness tests'

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

Recruits to the Armed Forces are less fit and physically active than their predecessors because of the lack of intensive training in schools, according to reports collated by the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

The army's personnel selection centre at Sutton Coldfield says that it "gets the definite impression that young men are less physically active now than a decade ago. Participation in energetic sports is on the decrease".

All adult and junior recruits attend the centre and take the entry fitness test. Although the army reports that the test is "not difficult", 15per cent of the junior and 9per cent of the adult recruits fail.

But one of the reports says: "Even in units, who tend to receive the best quality recruits and who state they are healthy and have potential, the comment is that their potential could have been better developed if, over their school years, they had received more progressive formal PT. The average recruit would appear to have a poor standard of fitness."

The report further points out that from all the applicants to the Army Careers Information Offices only a third are accepted as recruits and take the test. "It may not be unreasonable to assume that we are seeing the best third of the original total and the balance will be of a comparable, or lower, standard of fitness."

Mr Nigel Hook, the council's senior technical officer, adds: "During conversations with various officers with the PE branch of the Royal Navy it was indicated that the current fitness levels of recruits was very unsatisfactory." Tests showed there was a 50 per cent failure rate on the basic fitness training.

"A survey conducted over the past 10 years had indicated that 17 per cent of the 4,000 intake were unable to pass the basic swimming test."

Both the Royal Marines Commando Training Centre in Exmouth and HMS Raleigh say that present-day recruits are less strong in their upper body than their predecessors.

The fitness of schoolchildren, which is the subject of *Panorama* on BBC Television on Monday, was examined by Mr Neil Armstrong, a lecturer at Exeter University. "Children are nowhere as active as they should be. Many physical education teachers think their lessons are more active than they actually are."

Dr John Kane, principal of West London Institute of Physical Education, says: "There has not been an encouraging amount of activity until comparatively recently. But over the past two years because of changes in the curriculum of schools, there has been a startling increase in physical health."

Abdullah's lawyer spied for French

A French lawyer, M Jean-Paul Mazurier, yesterday confessed on television that he worked for French intelligence while representing the terrorist, Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, when he was first tried in Lyons last year, and that he was collaborating with the authorities while in regular contact with terrorist groups.

Abdullah was sentenced to life imprisonment a week ago by a special court but his new lawyer is likely to appeal in the face of the latest revelations. The Abdullah case has become an emotive issue in France, since his fate was seen as a test of the Government's resolve to combat terrorism.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Militant accused of funds fraud

Militant Tendency was last night accused of siphoning off up to £50,000 from members of the Civil and Public Services Association to meet the legal expenses of the defeated left-wing candidate for the job as general secretary of Britain's largest civil service trade union.

The right-wing leaders of the association will seek the national executive's authority next Wednesday for a full investigation into the spending of funds raised by branches.

It is claimed that branches were duped by an appeal for funds to defray legal costs of the "CPSA Election Defence Fund" on official headed notepaper from the association's headquarters in Wandsworth Common, south west London, when in fact it was a Militant Tendency fund-raising tactic.

Pupils in Aids advice

Teachers have been told to ban classroom experiments in which children take small samples of their own blood to reduce the risk of spreading the Aids virus.

The instruction, confirming recent guidance by Mr Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, is contained in a booklet on Aids published by the Department of Education and Science.

It was sent out yesterday to all teachers, lecturers and youthworkers.

Launching the booklet in London, Mr Baker said that an Aids video for schools aimed at 13-16 year olds would also be available this summer.

● *Aids:some questions and answers* (Department of Education and Science).

Russians relent

The five-year ordeal of Donald Dean, a photographer, whose Russian wife has repeatedly been refused permission to leave the Soviet Union to join him in this country, is expected to end soon.

The Russians have granted Mrs Maria Dean the passport she requires to travel and join her husband at his home near Harrogate in North Yorkshire.

Since their marriage in Moscow in 1982, her requests for a passport have been turned down. She will arrive in Britain on March 22.

Duchess to 'fly' jet

The Duchess of York, who recently received her wings, will get the chance to sit at the controls of a supersonic Concorde jet on Tuesday when she takes a behind-the-scenes look at the British Airways operation at Heathrow Airport.

The private visit, hosted by the airline's chairman, Lord King of Wartnaby, includes a visit to the airline's training centre at Cranebank, west London, where she will be able to try a flight simulator.

She then goes on to the Heathrow maintenance base to see Concorde.

Gales hamper rescue

Force eight gales in the Channel yesterday forced the expert committee overseeing the salvage of the gelignite-laden coaster, Hornestrand, to postpone until Monday any attempt to go on board the ship and ventilate its hold.

Commander David Eliot, the regional controller of HM Coastguard at Falmouth, said that they were satisfied that the fire on the Hornestrand was out but would require a forecast of 48 hours' moderate weather before reboarding.

The forecast was for high winds to continue through the weekend. The delay was solely caused by the difficulty of getting on board in rough weather.

The Hornestrand was abandoned by its crew when fire broke out on Tuesday.

Kent on the law



Bruce Kent, the vice-chairman of CND, yesterday advocated breaking the law as one way to stop the production of nuclear weapons.

Mr Kent said that the nuclear deterrent "clearly proposes criminal behaviour."

He added: "The only thing you can do is to take some action even if it violates some domestic law."

He was speaking to Robert Kee on the *Seven Day* programme which will be broadcast on Channel 4 tonight.

Visas hitch hits film

Channel 4 may have to cancel an episode of the *Equinox* science series about the American space programme because of a visas hitch.

The programme, *Mission to Mars*, was commissioned from an independent production company, but an application for journalists' visas was refused.

They can only be issued to "primary employees".

Channel 4 has no primary employees, commissioning its programmes from outsiders.

● The BBC is expected next week to announce a new transmission date for *Night Moves*, the drama-documentary about the road haulage industry cancelled in December.

Loss of Burnham behind teachers' strike move

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

The Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill which triggered off yesterday's announcement of a new wave of strikes in schools, was heralded last October by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, as his chosen method of ending the long deadlock with the unions.

He saw it as a politically impressive way of dealing with the intransigent structure of teachers' pay negotiations, which have been a running theme during nearly four years of almost unbroken disruption in schools.

During that time the National Union of Teachers, which counts on 235,000 of the 400,000 teachers in England and Wales, has dominated events, in spite of losing its majority on the teachers' negotiating panel just over a year ago.

A main plank in the NUT's stand has been its refusal, until very recently, to discuss pay and conditions simultaneously. The make-up of the Burnham Committee, set up under the Teachers' Remuneration Act, 1965, forbade the two elements of teachers' working lives to be discussed together, and the union excercised its veto on any attempts to do so outside the committee.

The local authorities and the teachers' unions moved a long way, in comparison with past performance, towards a workable deal last November, under the auspices of Acas, six weeks after Mr Baker first announced that he would impose a settlement and take matters into his own hands.

That deal offered the classroom teacher the chance to earn more than £15,000 and provided some incentive for senior teaachers. But Mr Baker denounced the deal as wrongly structured and too expensive - officials estimated that the local authorities' offer to unions of better working conditions would cost around £300 million - and went ahead with his own plans to impose a deal through legislation.

His case was supported by the breakdown of unity among teaching unions. Two of the four who initialled the local authorities-union deal in November pulled out. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which is joining the NUT in strike action, was never a party to the Acas deal on the grounds that the cost envelope of £608 million imposed by Mr Baker could not be accepted.

Although he has raised his own offer to classroom teachers from £12,700 at the top of the scale to £13,300, matching a deal made in Scotland after an independent review, at the expense of senior promoted posts, Mr Baker's offer is obscured in teachers' minds by his abolition of the Burnham Committee, which he is replacing with an interim advisory body to report back in three years.

The teachers' unions have maintained for four years that their pay has fallen in value by 34 per cent since 1974, and union leaders were at pains yesterday to make clear that they still do not regard Mr Baker's offer as anywhere near their expectations, although closer than the 6.9 per cent offered by local authorities a year ago.

It is the abolition of their negotiating rights that has spurred the more militant leaders of the NUT and NAS/UWT to renew strike action. They maintain that Mr Baker's promise that the interim advisory committee is interim is "propaganda", not to be trusted.

Ulster rivals unite to fight segregation of prisoners

By Richard Ford

Republican and "loyalist" prisoners were accused yesterday of collusion in launching serious disturbances at a Northern Ireland jail as part of a campaign for segregation of inmates with different political allegiances.

Five prisoners and two prison warders received minor injuries when more than 100 inmates at Magilligan jail in Co Londonderry began smashing fixtures and televisions in nine of the prison's 12 wings.

The disorder on Thursday night was in protest against the government policy of integrating republican and loyalist prisoners and was supported with action on the streets of Belfast by loyalist supporters.

Yesterday there was traffic chaos in Belfast as the RUC investigated 20 calls warning that suspect devices and vehicles had been left at key points to cause maximum disruption on major routes.

For three hours there were long delays as the police investigated the calls which were found to be hoaxes. The Ulster Young Militants claimed responsibility for the calls and warned that this was a foretaste of what would happen if the Government did not change its policy.

The disturbances at Magilligan, which has 320 short-term terrorist as well as ordinary prisoners, was planned with military-like precision.

It began simultaneously in the wings at 7.56pm with the commercial break on television being the trigger for action.

Within eight minutes, during which extra prison warders were rushed to the jail for fear of a riot, the trouble ended.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said: "This was a regimental campaign. It looks as if loyalists are taking the lead but I have no doubt there was collusion with republicans."

He rejected the demand for segregation saying it was not in the interests or safety of the inmates.

The Government believes that both sides fear they will lose influence within the jail under the existing integrated system and that if segregation is allowed it will enable prisoners to undermine the prison regime.

Another grievance of inmates at Magilligan is the introduction of "open visits", recommended in the aftermath of the jail break from the Maze. The prisoners have less privacy which reduces the risk of objects being smuggled in.

The scale of collusion over this disorder is disclosed in a document in which the officer commanding all republican prisoners outlines a three phase strategy.

The document says the object of the campaign is to exert maximum pressure on the "screws", undermine the administration's control and create a crisis.

Attacks on warders are recommended and the document then details psychological operations calling for the indiscriminate banging on doors and verbal abuse on the landing.

"On alternate days ostracise and then harass the screws. Keep them on edge at all times. Remind them at all possible times what the issue is (forced integration)."



Terry Marsh, Britain's new world boxing champion, returning to role of fireman yesterday at Tilbury Docks in Essex, two days after winning the light welterweight title.

Clarke refutes claims on pay cuts in North

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Employment, denied yesterday that he wanted workers in unemployment black spots in the North to accept pay cuts (Our Political Staff writes).

He predicted that successful northerners would earn more than workers in the South-east.

However, he warned that pay rises not linked to increased productivity would lead to redundancy and fewer new jobs.

Speaking at the Northern Industrialists' Forum, he repeated his call for an end to national wage bargaining and annual pay rises.

It was in a policy speech last month that Mr Clarke first advocated the move, which many interpreted as a call for northeners to take a cut in pay.

He said: "This is most definitely not the same as saying that people in the North or anywhere else should accept cuts in salary."

Mr Clarke welcomed the Treasury's radical draft with the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, which he believes could pave the way for pay increases related to performance.

Acas move in dispute at theatre

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre has unilaterally called in the arbitration service, Acas, to resolve a dispute with its technicians over planned job cuts.

The theatre took the unusual step this week after Beta, the technicians' union, said it would resist compulsory redundancies.

The union said it was angry and disappointed by the move, because it felt the negotiation process had not been exhausted.

Both sides are to attend talks with Acas on Wednesday, but Beta said it was not prepared to accept a third-party ruling at this stage.

"We are going on an informal basis, to see whether we can resume direct negotiations with the management", a union spokesman said. There was no immediate threat of industrial action.

The theatre has proposed a package of privatization measures and flexible working practices that could reduce its technical staff of 350 by almost 70, with estimated savings of up to £750,000 a year.

Beta said the management had issued a warning that it was facing a deficit of £500,000. The theatre declined to confirm the figure, but said it was under financial pressure due to successive reductions in government grants.

Heseltine gains in leadership stakes

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Michael Heseltine has taken over as the most popular successor to Mrs Margaret Thatcher as leader of the Conservative Party and is winning backing from supporters of the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance, according to a new poll.

Among Conservative voters he is gaining on Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, a MORI poll in this week's *Economist* has disclosed.

Mr Heseltine, more than a year after his resignation during the Westland affair, appears to be enjoying a comeback.

His parliamentary supporters believe that he has won considerable credit in the country, especially among Conservatives, for his refusal to snipe at the Government.

Mr Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence, won the backing of 24 per cent of all voters asked whom they would like to replace Mrs Thatcher. That put him ahead of Mr Tebbit, on 15 per cent, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on 12 per cent.

While Mr Tebbit's support came disproportionately from the Conservatives, (28 per cent of them favoured him, compared with 8 per cent and 9 per cent respectively of Labour and Alliance voters), Mr Heseltine's backing was more broadly spread with 21 per cent of Conservatives, 25 per cent of Labour voters and 31 per cent of Alliance voters favouring him.

Such levels of support, if maintained, would make Mr Heseltine a leading candidate to head a minority Conservative government, supported in office by the Alliance.

Among Conservative voters, support for Mr Tebbit has dropped from 38 to 28 per cent since December.

● Support for the Conservatives in some areas of the Midlands and the North is tumbling, with the Government's economic success in danger of becoming an electoral liability, Mr Teddy Taylor, the right-wing Conservative MP for Southend East, said last night.

How the votes were cast

	Total	Con	Lab	All'ce
Heseltine	24	21	25	31
Tebbit	15	28	8	9
Howe	12	14	11	11
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Source: MORI/*The Economist*

Maxwell issues a writ over 'sabotage'

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday took out a writ against Associated Newspapers, alleging that its relaunch of *The Evening News* was designed to sabotage the launch of *The London Daily News*.

The writ in the Chancery Division of the High Court alleged that Associated's publication of its evening title seven years after it was closed was an attempt at "passing off" the paper as *The London Daily News*.

At the same time, Mr Maxwell dropped his action seeking an injunction against *The London Evening Standard* for allegedly intimidating news vendors.

Associated Newspapers said last night that it intended to vigorously contest the writ.

Sources said that Associated Newspapers and its executives were considering taking out writs against Mr Maxwell alleging defamation.

Mr Bert Hardy, chief executive of *The Evening Standard*, said Mr Maxwell's latest writ had been taken out for publicity value.

He said that Mr Maxwell's actions "were getting to the point of being ridiculous. His statements are ludicrous."

● At the end of the second week in the London evening newspaper war, both sides continued to claim victory.

In a front-page column signed by Mr Maxwell, *The London Daily News* claimed to have deposed *The Evening Standard* as the market leader.

Mr Maxwell said *The London Daily News* was selling between 500,000 and 525,000 copies a day, while the rival *Evening News* had "floated like a brick" with 95 per cent of its copies returned unsold every night.

At *The Evening Standard*, the line was directly opposite. Spokesmen claimed its sales claims were authentic and would be reported to the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

Religious job bias claim lost

An unemployed man failed yesterday in his appeal claim that he had been discriminated against when applying for a job with a Middle East company because of his Jewish faith.

The Court of Appeal upheld the rulings of an industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal that there had been no racial discrimination against Mr Peter Simon, aged 33, under the 1976 Race Relations Act.

They said that in dealing with his application for a freight shipping co-ordinator post, Brimham Associates, an employment agency, had treated him in the same way as any other candidate.

Mr Simon, of Avenue Road, north Finchley, London, had refused to answer a question about his religion and they did not know he was Jewish. When he became upset it was explained that if he was Jewish his application may be unsuccessful. He then walked out of the interview.

The court said that although the words may have been discouraging they did not amount to discrimination.

South Pole expedition turns back

By Ronald Faux

An expedition to the South Pole has been forced to turn back and return to its ship, the MV Aurora, because the vessel was in danger from ice in the Antarctic, it was disclosed yesterday.

The ship was said to be heading for warmer waters with the 26 members of the 90 Degrees South expedition (four humans and 22 dogs).

By radio from the Aurora yesterday Mr Neil McIntyre, expedition glaciologist, spoke of the team's disappointment at abandoning the attempt to follow the footsteps of Raold Amundsen only four degrees short of the Pole.

"We had no real choice. We needed another 10 days to reach the Pole and, as proved correct, that would have put this ship in danger," he said.

The expedition, led by Dr Monica Kristensen, a Norwegian, included Mr McIntyre and two Danish dog handlers, Mr Jan Almquist and Mr Jacob Meisner. They covered 900 miles of the journey and turned back.

"We covered the most difficult parts of the journey, climbing 10,000ft up on to the trans Antarctic glacier. We had overcome all the main obstacles but there was simply not enough time left", Mr McIntyre said.

Rate rises

Ealing's great leap forward

As the "loony left" rumpus continues to haunt Mr Neil Kinnock, William Greaves visits Ealing, west London, where the Labour leader lives and where the left-wing council has imposed Britain's biggest rates increase.

Brian and Mary Pamment took an understandable modicum of comfort from the fact that they paid lower rates for their three-bedroom semi in Labour controlled Ealing than their near neighbours in Conservative-controlled Harrow.

Until yesterday – when they woke up to learn that Ealing council had approved a rate increase of 64.5 per cent.

The increase takes the rates on 154 Wood End Gardens, Ealing, (value £65,000) from its present £300 to £493.

On the other side of the railway track, which runs along the boundaries of the two boroughs, David and Marcia Deighton face a rate increase of only 5.5 per cent from £420 to £443 for their similar, but slightly larger, house at 74 Wood End Avenue, Harrow (value £75,000).

Mrs Pamment said: "We were prepared for a rise but this is beyond all reason. I don't know how the council got itself into this mess."

Opposition leaders claim that the mess dates from the day, 10 months ago, when Labour won control from the Conservatives. They feel that Ealing, an amalgam of city commuters, film producers and multi-race communities, has fallen victim to the eccentric and expensive excesses of the hard left.

Mr Len Turner, Labour's engagingly accessible leader, seemed pained when *The Times* put this charge to him. "We are not a bunch of rampant left-wingers", he insisted. "I would describe us as moderates."

Even the suggestion that his council must have spent money it could not afford meets with the same urbane rebuttal.

He said: "I know this is a massive rise but we have done only the things we could not afford to leave undone, £63 million on housing repairs, for instance".

But critics point also to the introduction of a network of officials into every council department to promote positive discrimination in favour of homosexuals and ethnic minorities: the award of bonus housing points to homosexuals: and an official dictat to all senior schools, signed by the education committee chairman, Hilary Benn, to "develop respect for acceptance of individuals".

Mr Martin Mallam, leader of the opposition, says that the Conservatives could have left the rates unchanged if they had stayed in power and is contemptuous of Labour's claim to be moderate.

"Absolute rubbish", he said. "They have three people fully engaged on making an audit of police activities from 1970 to the present day. Their equal opportunity units are costing £1.3 million and their advisers to each department and the schools cost another £2.6 million.

"When we were in power we had about 30 homeless families in bead and breakfast accommodation. They take them in from all over and have 950. Ealing has become known throughout the land as a bed and breakfast paradise."

Meanwhile all is not sweetness and light in penny-conscious Harrow. The Deightons, who have sons aged three and 18 months, complain that in Ealing playschool and nursery school start a year earlier and the library "seems to be full of paper backs. We would far rather they raised the rates a bit and gave us better facilities."

The Harrow leader, Mr Donald Abbott, said: "We use good old Tory commercial common sense and cut out the frills."

Words which might be hard for Ealing's most famous resident to swallow. His local council's decision has just added £333 to his rates bill.



David and Marcia Deighton with their children (left) facing a rates rise of only £23 in Harrow while in neighbouring Ealing, Mary and Brian Pamment are facing a £193 rise (Photographs: Peter Trievnor)

Council evil and vicious, says MP

Ealing council, which announced the 64.5 per cent rates increase on Thursday night, was descibed as "evil" in the Commons yesterday.

Mr Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, speaking in a backbench debate on inner cities, said the "vicious rate increase" would hit the elderly, those on low incomes, and industries.

Mr Greenway said that Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, had recently supported the council's policies. As an Ealing resident, Mr Kinnock would face a £333 rate rise.

To Tory gasps he said the council was spending £12,000 on an anti-apartheid festival, £200,000 on a race equality committee, £200,000 on women's advisers, and £10,000 on the creation of peace parks.

School pupils were being exposed to a campaign of lesbianism and homosexuality.

He said: "A senior Labour councillor has said that sexual equality is more important for children in schools than maths and English".

Mr Greenway also claimed that gay and lesbian couples were now being given housing priority. He said councils like Ealing should be rate capped "for the sake of the citizens and industry".

But Labour frontbench spokesman, Mr John Fraser, accused him of producing a "list of distortions" about the council. "Your speech was intended only to bring the Labour Party into disrepute. It contained nothing constructive at all."

Winding-up the debate, Mr Richard Tracey, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, condemned Ealing as an "horrific", but not uncommon, example among Labour-controlled London boroughs.

Mr Kinnock would have to set about writing more letters to Labour authorities "pointing out what horrific consequences there could be for the Labour Party if the Ealing example were to be copied".

He said the problems of the inner city were "complex and deep-seated".

"The Government's policy is to make inner cities more competitive and to improve the quality of life of their residents. One of our prime objectives is to bring inner city sites back into use for development."

Land hoarding by local authorities and other public sector bodies was a problem. To tackle it, the Government had set up the Land Register system which had brought back into use 50,000 acres of land in the past four years.

Derelict land grants were helping to prepare 3,200 acres of land for development every year, which corresponded to "an area...the size of Wembley Stadium every working day".

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Falklands air victims fly home today

The bodies of seven British servicemen, killed in a Chinook helicopter crash in the Falklands last month, will be brought home today.

The victims died when the helicopter crashed while flying over open farmland.

Today the coffins will be flown to RAF Brize Norton, Oxfordshire, where an RAF officer will identify the bodies before an inquest is opened and adjourned in Oxford.

An RAF inquiry into the crash has been set up and British experts have flown out to the South Atlantic to help accident investigators.

The accident was the second tragedy involving a Chinook on the islands. Last year three men were killed when a Chinook smashed into the side of a mountain.

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Doctors call for halt on irradiation of foodstuffs

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The British Medical Association said yesterday that the irradiation of foodstuffs could pose long-term health hazards and called on the Government to postpone "for some years" any plans to introduce the process.

Irradiation is used in some countries to extend the shelf life of fruit and vegetables and to kill or reduce the presence of disease causing organisms in some types of food.

However a report by the BMA's board of science says that current advice to the Government on the safety of the process "may not sufficiently take account of, still less exclude, possible long-term medical effects".

The association endorsed the report yesterday and called for a full-scale study of the risks and benefits of the process.

"Such a study is necessary before the process can be confidently accepted in this country", the report said.

The BMA was influenced in its report by scientific studies, one in humans and one in laboratory rats, which indicated that irradiation could cause potentially malignant changes in the blood cells.

The report conflicts with the findings of the Advisory Committee on Irradiated and Novel Foods (ACINF), set up by the Government, which said there was no reason not to proceed with plans to introduce food irradiation.

The committee is receiving submissions from interested parties and advice will then be forwarded to the relevant government departments.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA professional division, said yesterday: "The potential benefits to the consumer seem quite small. Of much more concern to us are the potential risks and we feel further research is necessary.

"In effect this would mean shelving the introduction of the process for some years until the findings of such research can be evaluated."

● Residents have criticized plans to build an underground nuclear waste disposal plant at an atomic weapons research base, on the day experts confirmed that child cancer levels around the base are above the national average.

Local people fear that the child deaths around the base at Aldermaston, Berkshire, and the nuclear arms factory at Burghfield, near by, are linked to atmospheric and water radiation levels.

In the *British Medical Journal* yesterday, doctors who have studied leukaemia and cancer levels among children near the bases said that children aged under four were most at risk.

Now residents are concerned over disclosures in a construction trade magazine that Press Construction, of Darlington, which has been awarded a £300 million contract to refurbish and renovate areas of the Aldermaston base, is to build an underground nuclear waste disposal plant.

They want the matter raised at next month's Hampshire County Council public protection committee.

The doctors' report found that 41 children aged under 14 living in a six-mile radius of Aldermaston and Burghfield had leukaemia in a 14-year period, compared with the natonal average of 28.

Judge attacks rape trial 'system'

By Craig Seton

A man with a previous conviction for rape was told by a judge to "keep your hands off young girls" after a jury had found him not guilty of raping a girl aged 17.

Several members of the jury of seven women and five men at Birmingham Crown Court held their heads in their hands when they realised from remarks made after the verdict that the man had been convicted before.

Judge Mellor, QC, later explained that the jurors should not reproach themselves.

The girl ran from the court sobbing uncontrollably after the jury had brought in its verdict.

The judge later took the unusual step of calling the girl's aunt to the front of the court. He told her: "As far as I am concerned she was entirely innocent".

He said it might be considered unfair that a girl "such as this child" had to face allegations while the man accused of attacking her did not go into the witness box himself.

Judge Mellor returned to the court and explained that he had made his remarks "to mitigate the effects of a system which allows allegations of shameful sexual conduct to be laid against a witness without any evidence at all being offered in support of it".

The judge said: "The jury gave full and careful consideration to the evidence. I wish them to know they should not reproach themselves."

The jury had heard that the girl was still receiving psychiatric treatment.

The young woman had claimed that the man had dragged her into a Sparkbrook building site where he put his hands around her throat and his fingers in her eyes before raping her. The man had claimed that the girl had consented to sexual intercourse.



Christopher Collins putting the finishing touches to a drum of the Blues and Royals, one of the regiments to have the most recent battle honour — Falkland Islands, 1982.

Mr Collins, from Orpington, Kent is a freelance military and heraldic artist who emblazons almost all the British Army's drums.

After attending art school he joined the Grenadier Guards, and was recruited to renovating drums while in service. Since leaving the Army he has concentrated on British military heraldic painting.

He researches carefully to check the precise decoration. "Drum emblazoning has developed very much by tradition, and most regiments keep no records themselves", he said.

(Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Boy George's heroin suppliers jailed

A couple who conspired to supply heroin to Boy George were each jailed for four years yesterday.

A jury at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, found Steven Luben, aged 36, and Diane Feiner, aged 35, both of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, guilty by majority verdicts. Feiner was found not guilty of conspiring to supply cocaine.

In the same case, Anna Katrina Tinmaung, aged 28, of Alwyne Road, Islington, north London, has pleaded guilty to two charges of supplying heroin to Boy George, and is to be sentenced on March 16.

The jury of six men and six women took eight hours 21 minutes to reach their 10 to 2 decision on the heroin conspiracy charges.

A bizarre plan to assault Boy George as he left the witness box came to light on the second day of the trial. The scheme was hatched in a corridor a few yards from where the pop singer was giving evidence against Luben and Feiner.

Det Sergeant David Leader, an officer in the case, overheard Feiner's friend, Darrell Thomas, aged 40, talking to his friend, Alan Whittle, outside the court.

Mr Leader said he heard Thomas say about George: "You hold him and I'll hit him". Whittle had allegedly nodded.

Both Thomas and Whittle appeared before Judge Morton the next day, February 11, accused of contempt of court. Thomas, of Ethelbert Road, Balham, south London, was jailed for six weeks. He had denied saying the words. Mr Whittle was acquitted.

Judge Morton ruled before the contempt hearing started that no details of it should be reported until the end of the Luben and Feiner case.

During the case, Mr David Bate, for the prosecution, told the jury that Boy George was only an occasional user of heroin before he became ensnared in a "lucrative connection" of two drug suppliers, and soon was heavily addicted.

Luben and Feiner "fastened on him like leeches". Feiner introduced the pop singer to Luben, who gave Boy George a free sample of heroin to "snort" in the flat of the Culture Club singer, Helen Terry. "Within a short time, George was phoning them up for more and being charged £50 per half a gram", Mr Bate said.

The "tragic" transformation of Boy George from an active pop performer in Britain and abroad to an addict who became an embarrassment to his friends, was described by witnesses.

Mr Bate said: "By July 1986 George was so heavily addicted that he was receiving neuro-electric therapy. He wore a small battery-operated stimulator and had electrodes attached behind his ears."

● Anthony Kevin O'Dowd is to appear before Knightsbridge Crown Court on April 6 on two charges of supplying heroin and one of supplying cocaine to his brother, Boy George, between January 1 and July 9, 1986.

Portfolio —Gold—

Mother looking to a break

A mother expecting her third child will be able to take a well earned holiday after sharing yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 with two other readers.

Mrs Elizabeth Gaywood, aged 28, is in the middle of moving from north London to Hampshire.

"Moving is a very expensive business but as I'm expecting again I hope there will be enough for a little break before the new one arrives", she said.

Mrs Mary Robinson, aged 48, from Camberley, Surrey, said that her £1,333 share of the Portfolio Gold prize would come in handy for a holiday to Queensland.

The third winner, Mr Graham Rance, aged 36, an interior decorator, of Berkeley, Gloucestershire, said he would buy a compact disc player.

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Ancient skulls found in box

Nine skulls unearthed from tombs in Egypt, and possibly 5,000 years old, have been found in a cardboard box among a jumble of human remains, by Dr Rosalie David, of Manchester University, one of the world's most respected Egyptologists.

Seventh case of meningitis

A seventh case of meningitis was reported in Lincolnshire yesterday where a boy aged three months has died from the disease.

The latest victim is a young child from the Boston area.

Shake-up in training of nurses

Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Plans to revolutionize nurse training to avoid a critical nursing shortage were sent out for consultation to all 14 regional health authorities yesterday.

The proposals come from Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, who is concerned that 30,000 nurses leave the health service each year and more than a third of those training leave before they finish.

The average nurse works for the health service for only three or four years and half leave before they are 30.

The plans, known as project 2000, include introducing a three-year common foundation course for all nurses, to replace the existing two levels of training for enrolled and registered nurses.

The extra cost is estimated at £70 million during the peak years of implementation, falling to an extra £40 million a year at the end of the 20-year transition period.

Mr Newton said: "To ensure that the skills of professional staff are used where they are most needed it is essential to have adequate numbers of properly trained support staff".

Mrs Anne Poole, the DHSS chief nursing officer, has prepared a separate working party report examining the training of support workers. It is being sent out for consultation at the same time.

Earlier this year the Government announced the setting up of a £100,000 feasibility study to examine whether the Youth Training Scheme could be used to train nursing auxiliaries.

£109,000 for man who plunged 80ft

A window cleaner who survived an 80ft fall while working on a nine-storey office building was awarded £109,230 damages for his injuries in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Derek John Potter, aged 28, of First Avenue, Dagenham, Essex, was in a suspended "cradle" at the British Gas Corporation offices in Staines, west London, when the accident happened in 1983.

Mr Peter Bowsher, QC, deputy judge, ruled that Mr Potter's employers, Actual Window Cleaning, had not provided securely supported equipment. The company denied liability.

Courage praised

The "remarkable courage" of a grandmother aged 81 who suffered "horrific" injuries in a bus accident was praised by Mr Justice Gatehouse. Mrs Eleanor Abery, a wheelchair-bound widow, was awarded damages and interest totalling £63,782.

Mrs Abery, of Sarum Court, Park House Lane, Reading, Berkshire, had to have her right leg amputated above the knee after the accident in Reading in January last year.

The damages, and costs, were against Reading Borough Council and the bus driver.

£60,000 for fall

A motor mechanic whose sex life was affected by an injury at work was awarded £60,360 damages.

Mr Edward Taylor, aged 42, of Delane Road, Deal, Kent, injured his back and neck in a fall into an inspection pit. The award was against Dover District Council.

Headaches for life

Mr Ronald Cook, a greengrocer, who was likely to suffer fortnightly headaches for the rest of his life, was awarded £8,600 damages.

Mr Cook, aged 32, a father of three, of Fairholme Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex, was awarded the damages for a "whiplash" injury suffered when his van was in collision with a car.

The car driver, Miss Susan Pegg, of Flora Gardens, Chadwell Heath, Essex, admitted liability but contested the amount of damages.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC, deputy judge, said Mr Cook injured his neck and back in the accident. Mr Cook still suffered from aching in his neck and from persistent headaches about once a fortnight.

Award reduced

Mr Simon Fitzgerald, whose hopes of a brilliant career were wrecked by road accident injuries which confined him to a wheelchair for life, had a £397,702 damages award cut to £298,276 in the Court of Appeal.

Mr Fitzgerald, aged 27, an honours graduate and trainee estate agent, of Broomfield Ride, Oxshott, Surrey, had been found one-third to blame for the accident on a pelican crossing in High Street, Esher, in 1983 when he was hit by two cars travelling in opposite directions.

Yesterday the judges held that the drivers were 50 per cent to blame for the accident instead of two-thirds.

Mr Fitzgerald was awarded £149,138 each against Mr Vernon Lane, of Sheath Lane, Oxshott, and Mr Prafulbhai Patel, of Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, who had denied liability.

All parties were given leave to appeal.

Soviet Union renews pressure over 'Nazis'

By Howard Foster

The Soviet Union has renewed its pressure on the Thatcher government to extradite alleged Nazi war criminals by claiming that one who lived in Bradford for 40 years personally murdered British prisoners of war.

According to Mr Guennadi Shabannikov, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, one such war criminal arrived in Britain post-1945 and settled in Bradford.

He was Mr Mikhail Sulyma, who allegedly served with Nazi police in the city of Lvov between 1941 and 1944 and participated in the murder of 46,000 Soviet Jews in 1942.

"The Lvov archives contain personal file ... with his photo as well as his personal accounts in written form about his participation in massacres in Lvov", Mr Shabannikov said.

Mr Sulyma died last year but yesterday his lawyer, Mr Taras Lysenczuk, said that the allegations were ridiculous.

"He was constantly in touch with the Soviet Embassy in London to ask them to let his daughter who still lived in the Ukraine to come and see him", Mr Lysenczuk said.

In Bradford, where 3,500 Ukranians settled after moving from Soviet-controlled eastern Europe in 1947, the Soviet Embassy claims to have pinpointed two further alleged war criminals.

One is Maryan Romanovich Bula, who was born in 1921 in the village of Kozova, of Ternopol region, Ukraine. There is only one Bula listed in the telephone book. "I was in Italy fighting against the Germans and my wife was in Belsen", Mr Augustyn Bula said.

The second name that does tally with the Soviet list is M Lanovoi. Mr M Lanovy agreed that he was Ukranian but insisted that he was too young to fight in the war.

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Bird lover loses fight to keep eagles

A bird lover yesterday said he may appeal to the European Court of Human Rights after a judge ruled he cannot keep two golden eagles at his home.

Mr Ronald Masterman, aged 45, of Brook Street, Twyford, Berkshire, has kept the birds in a garden aviary for seven years.

Last year he was fined £300 and banned from keeping birds of prey for five years for illegal possession of the eagles under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Yesterday he lost an appeal against the decision at Reading Crown Court and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which brought the case as a private prosecution, said the eagles would be moved to a wildlife park.

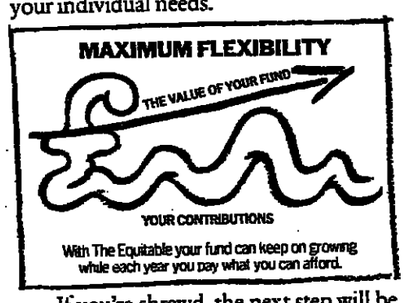
● Robert Ashcroft, a bird enthusiast, of Fazakerley, Liverpool, was fined £600 with £60 costs by Hull magistrates yesterday for his part in illegally exporting three peregrine falcon eggs.

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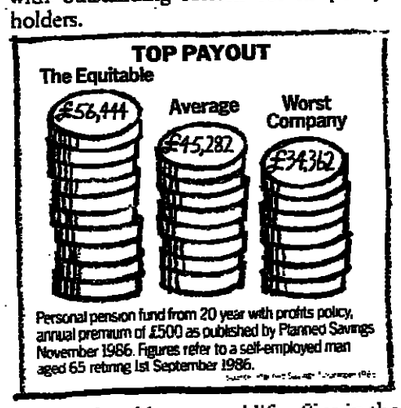
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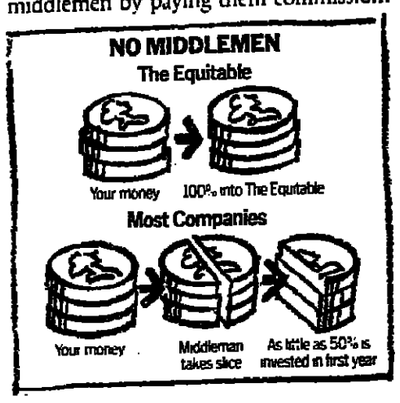


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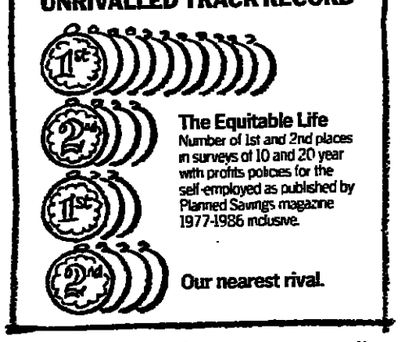
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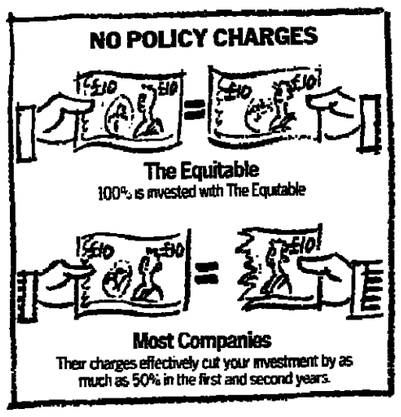
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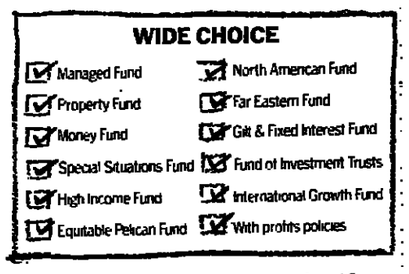
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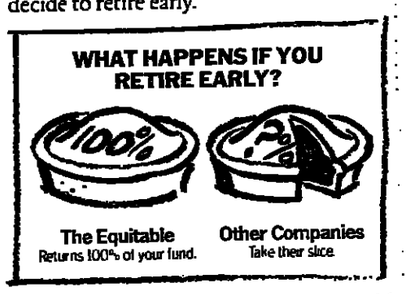
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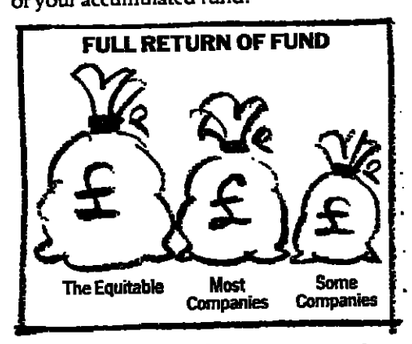
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Owen calls for urgent steps to stem brain drain

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Dr David Owen called for urgent action yesterday to improve the status of Britain's scientists and engineers and so stop the brain drain of the most promising young graduates.

The loss to Britain of 1,000 highly trained technicians a year to the United States will be devastating to the nation's competitive position in Europe and internationally unless that was corrected, the Social Democratic Party leader said.

The Royal Society's survey on the emigration of scientists, to be published soon, is expected to disclose a greater loss of expertise from Britain's research establishments.

Dr Owen told Cambridge University students he blamed ill-thought out, ill-advised and ill-judged government policies for the re-emergence of the brain drain of the 1960s.

Echoing the recent House of Lords report on science and technology, he said morale in many research departments was at rock bottom; overall scientific and engineering research facilities were declining; and standards of research and teaching were at risk.

"It adds up to a gloomy future unless we are prepared to respond straightaway with a significant and sustained effort to improve the status of our scientists and engineers.

"Britain's economic success over the next 20 years will depend heavily on how we invest in human skills and resources. The harsh reality is that without this considerable investment, our economic decline will continue."

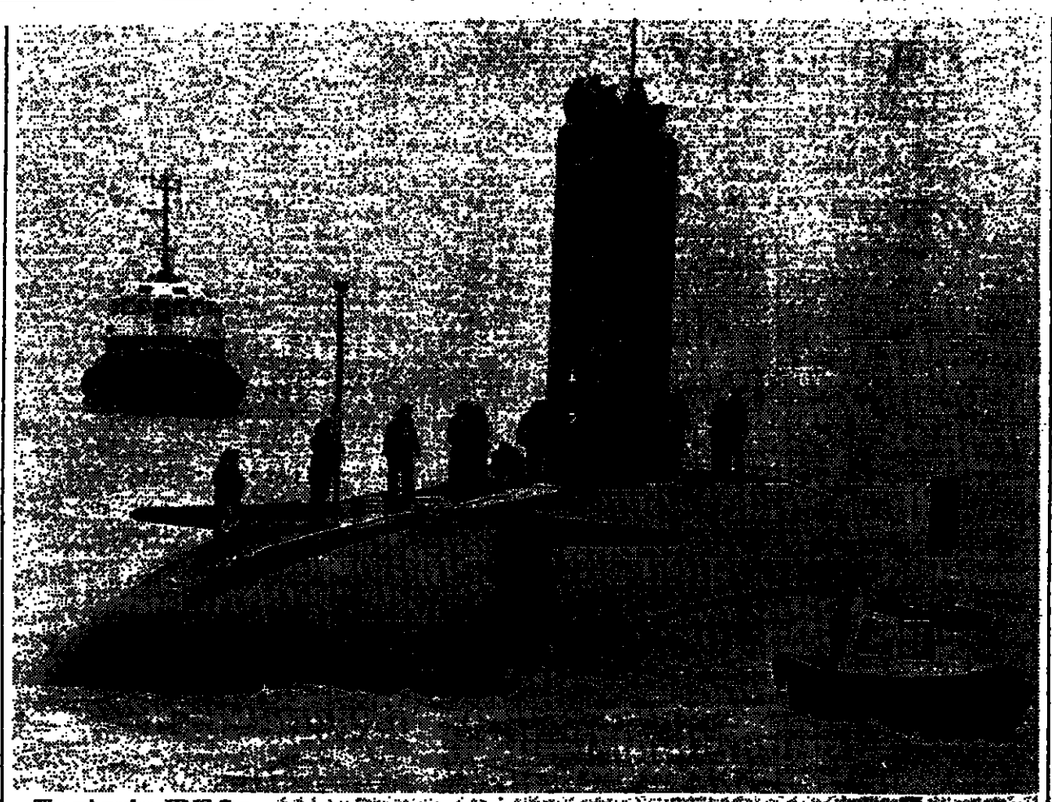
He derided the Government's one-off injection of £15 million into last year's science budget and this week's pay increase of 24 per cent over three years for university lecturers. Those did not assuage long-term government inaction, he said.

"Our fundamental task is to ensure an adequate supply of skilled individuals to work in higher education and industry, a task which is essential to guarantee the maintenance and eventual improvement of core expertise in principal technology areas, such as information technology and artificial intelligence."

Recent research showed it was the youngest and brightest scientists, particularly biotechnologists, who were leaving Britain. Few gave higher pay as the main reason for emigrating while more than 40 per cent said it was because of lack of job opportunities in Britain, Dr Owen said.

"The Alliance sees this task as one of the cornerstones of securing future economic success. We will work through educational establishments from schools to colleges to professional research establishments to give priority to funds for these areas of education and training.

"Unless we are given the opportunity to do so soon, we will condemn ourselves to a continuation of the brain drain and the consequent continuation of our economic decline."



The submarine, HMS Conqueror, which sank the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano, during the Falklands conflict, arriving (above and right) in Southampton yesterday 24 hours late.

The Conqueror, which is staying till Monday, was delayed by reported generator troubles which forced her to put into Devonport naval base.

The commanding officer, Commander Simon Anderson, was welcomed by Mr Jack Candy, the mayor, and Mr Alan Whitehead, leader of the city council.

(Photograph: Alan Weller)



Coal industry

Pit revival plan depends on end of five-day week

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The folk of Cefn Cribwr in Glamorgan claim they live above the largest lump of coal in the world, a huge seam more than eight feet thick and weighing 19 million tonnes.

The irony is that with all this wealth at their feet, the mining industry in Cefn Cribwr died 20 years ago. The village, which lies on a ridge overlooking the coal-rich Llynfi Valley, became a place of mining memories as men transferred to other pits and industries in South Wales.

Today the National Union of Mineworkers in South Wales will decide whether Cefn Cribwr will be reborn as a mining community. British Coal wants to spend £80 million on exploiting the valley's massive reserves by installing drift machinery at the Margam pit that will drive two miles into the hillside and disgorge the high quality coking coal from the Gellideg seam at 7.5 tonnes per man shift, twice the national average.

The sticking point is whether the miners will agree to work continental shifts. This would involve working a six-day week with three weeks on and one week off, allowing the machines to operate non-stop. The men would relinquish their traditional right to a five-day working week.

The feeling among many young folk in the valley, some of them former miners, is to forget ancient principles that have been overtaken by time and technology, and vote instead for a regular pay packet. Area miners' leaders advise acceptance in spite of objections from Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president. British Coal has said bluntly that if the men will not agree, the scheme will not go ahead, and 780 mining and 500 construction jobs will be lost.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed it will go ahead"

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it will go ahead", Mr Derek Hill, aged 29, an unemployed miner from the village, told me. He has been out of work since the year-long pit strike. "It is desperate here. I worked on the face and at haulage until the strike. I went back to work for three days through the pickets because things got so bad. You see I have a wife and two children. It was frightening and I decided to come out again. Even so I'm not sure whether the union would allow me back."

He thought a six-day week would be a real improvement. "There will be more money and more time off, as far as I understand it. I would do anything just to get back to work and have a regular wage. It was not so bad for the fitters, electricians and tradesmen. Most of them got other jobs but for anyone without skills it has been very bad."

The two public houses in Cefn Cribwr are small museums to the mining industry, with old mining lamps hanging unpolished from hooks on the wall. One has a memorial to the 3,589 miners who died in the Welsh pits during the 98 years to 1927. There are group photographs of the champion darts team of the fifties, rows of muscular, indestructible-looking men.

The reserves to be worked are fantastic

The feeling among some older men who had left the industry was that the coal board was up to its tricks again trying to fracture union solidarity.

Mr Billy Morris, aged 63, was in the coal industry 44 years until he retired as a pit deputy at Newlands colliery, the last pit to close in the valley.

"I believe they should negotiate. It could be retrograde to sacrifice the five-day week and I would have been reluctant to agree. It is a principle that they would be scrapping. I can see the board's point of view, mind you. But I suspect they are using an advantage, putting the boot in."

Mr Gwilym Rees, aged 67, a retired face worker, said: "The reserves that are there to be worked are fantastic, with a coal seam you could fit a pub in. Perhaps it is time to change attitudes."

The other Aberbaiden colliery where he once worked now lies in ruins in the valley bottom, marked by a Matterhorn heap of pit waste. Mr Ewart Jones, aged 69, was another former face worker there. He wanted to see the valley alive and active again.

"It was terrible when the pits closed. The whole place died, and people just drifted away." Many miners went to Port Talbot to become steel workers. "At the steelworks they quite happily work a continental shift system, the same as the miners here are being asked to work."

The union refuses to speculate about the likely outcome of today's meeting but many believe that the miners will agree to the board's condition and that Cefn Cribwr will come to life again.

Ulster arms for use in 'civil war'

By Richard Ford

A soldier serving in the Ulster Defence Regiment stored a cache of arms and ammunition for use by "loyalists" in Northern Ireland in the event of civil war.

The weapons were handed to the farmer by a friend who received them while he was a member of loyalist groups, including the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, and the Rev Ian Paisley's Third Force, a judge was told yesterday.

A collection of 27 weapons including nine rifles, shotguns, a sub-machine-gun and 5,000 bullets were displayed before Mr Justice Nicholson at Belfast Crown Court at the opening of a hearing against two loyalists from Co Antrim.

The weapons were discovered at a farm belonging to David Crawford, aged 53, who together with John Pattison, aged 46, both from Ballymena, pleaded guilty to possessing weapons and ammunition with intent.

In a statement Crawford admitted receiving the weapons but said they were for use in a "civil war" situation. Pattison, a fitter-welder, said he was a "dedicated Christian" who had collected the guns while a member of several loyalist groupings.

A detective sergeant told the court that he believed neither man was a member of the loyalist paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force and that the weapons had been hidden for a considerable time.

Counsel for the defence said that the men believed in a "Domesday situation".

The judge adjourned sentencing for a medical report on Crawford.

Driver who killed two is jailed

A driver who killed two women in a hit-and-run accident was jailed for three years yesterday.

Rory Maguire, a roofing contractor, of Elm Grove Road, Weybridge, Surrey, pleaded guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court to causing the death by reckless driving of Mrs Sharon Woodhouse, aged 21, and Mrs Barbara Routledge, aged 26.

The two women, both from Harlow, Essex, and both mothers of young children, were killed instantly when Maguire's Volkswagen Transporter van hit their car at an accident blackspot on the A414 near Harlow last August.

Mr Andrew Munday, for the prosecution, told the court that Maguire, a married man, had drunk at least six pints of lager at a friend's birthday party in Ware, Hertfordshire, shortly before the crash in the early hours of the morning.

He claimed he had fallen asleep at the wheel and did not realize he had hit another vehicle. He was arrested after police checked paint from the wrecked car against 800 similar Transporters.

Sale room

A royal link adds value to rare table

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A table made for Queen Alexandra secured the top price in Sotheby's nineteenth century decorative arts sale yesterday at £77,000 (estimate £25,000-£40,000). The table was made by Holland Sons who furnished Sandringham for the Prince of Wales and his bride in the 1860s.

The table is in the taste of the 1860s, a rich imitation of French eighteenth century style in kingwood, marquetry and parquetry with fine ormolu mounts. The sheer quality of craftsmanship would probably have dictated a price in line with Sotheby's estimate. The royal provenance added a premium.

The furniture sale made £676,456 with 24 per cent unsold, indicating a less buoyant market than last autumn. The difficulties were particularly concentrated in the £2,000-£4,000 price range. Last November such pieces, mainly bought by the trade, were selling well above estimate; yesterday they generally failed to sell.

Other pieces of royal provenance included a Dasson Boulle and brown tortoiseshell centre table, formerly in the collection of King Leopold III of Belgium, which made £31,900 (estimate £25,000-£40,000) and a late nineteenth century Viennese ebonized cabinet lavishly applied with polychrome enamel plaques formerly in the collection of the Maharaja of Burdwan which made £26,400 (estimate £20,000-£30,000).

Christie's sale of modern British paintings totalled £558,514 with 4 per cent unsold. A Sickert view of Venice entitled "Nocture" and painted in 1896 secured the top price at £33,000 (estimate £25,000-£35,000) while Spencer Gore's "View from a Window in Hampstead" of 1911 made £30,800 (estimate £10,000-£15,000).

Phillips weekly silver sale brought especially buoyant prices with a total of £150,964 and only 8 per cent unsold.

Assault on schoolgirls denied

A headmistress appeared in court yesterday accused of indecently assaulting three young girls.

Mrs Ruth Hartley, aged 43, of Gisburn Road, Blacko, near Burnley, Lancashire, pleaded not guilty at Preston Crown Court to indecently assaulting two girls aged 10, and another aged 11, between September 1, 1984, and May 12, 1986.

At the time of the alleged offences she was headmistress of a private school in Burnley.

Judge Brown, QC, made an order under the Children and Young Persons Act that nothing be reported that would identify the girls. He set the trial for May 6.

PC killed in car crash

Police Constable David Worsfield, aged 28, was killed yesterday when a police car skidded off the A127 near Basildon, Essex, and smashed into a telegraph pole.

Sergeant Derek Coe, aged 37, the driver, was in "a satisfactory condition" in hospital with a fractured collarbone and head injuries. The men, both traffic officers, were on duty when the accident happened.

Wapping case

Wayne Holloway, aged 22, a postgraduate student at Essex University, was bound over in the sum of £50 for six months when a charge of using threatening behaviour at the News International plant in Wapping was not proceeded with at Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Vandal proof

Anti-vandal telephones developed for use in riot-torn areas of Northern Ireland are to be installed in Plymouth after four out of five boxes in the Devonport area were vandalized.

College holds service for benefactor

A memorial service for Sir David Robinson, who gave away £25 million of his personal fortune, will be held today at the Cambridge University college he founded.

The service will take place in the chapel at Robinson College, and will also be relayed on television screens in the college's auditorium.

Sir David gave £17 million to build the college, which was opened by the Queen in 1981.

Sir David, who died aged 81 at Newmarket, Suffolk, last January, made his fortune from Robinson TV Rentals.

Economist wrong on student boycott

A complaint against *The Economist* that in an article it had said that students at Bristol University boycotted lectures by Professor John Vincent because of his association with newspapers published by Mr Rupert Murdoch, is upheld by the Press Council today.

The periodical had wrongly said boycotted when it meant the lectures had been disrupted.

In an article about free speech at universities, *The Economist* said Professor Vincent, a history professor at Bristol University, wrote for *The Sun*. Some students who disliked Mr Rupert Murdoch and his newspapers boycotted Professor Vincent's lectures.

Professor Vincent, in letters and telephone calls, told *The Economist* that the falsehood of the suggestion of a boycott had been admitted by the writer of the article, Mr Tim Jackson, and *The Sunday Times* and the BBC had publicly apologized.

The editor, Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea, and Miss Jane Anderson, of Oswald, Hickson, Collier, the solicitors, invited him to write a letter which the paper would consider for publication.

The council said that *The Economist* published an inaccurate statement and, in spite of the two original sources having apologized and an admission of error by the author, refused to publish a correction or apology.

Mr Dudley Fishburn, executive editor, said that for matters of fact *The Economist* printed a box correction. For grievances, or where a correction was needed to the tone of an article, they asked people to write for their prominent letters column.

In his seven years as executive director, Professor Vincent alone had refused the chance to write. Their lawyers concluded that the article was not factually wrong.

Mr Fishburn agreed that the word "disrupt" would have been better in the context than "boycott". He denied that the word "boycott" reflected badly on the professor or his history students.

The adjudication was: *The Economist* was in error in saying students had boycotted Professor Vincent's lectures when it meant the lectures had been disrupted. It has since accepted that "disrupt" would have been the better word.

The Economist should have published its own brief editorial correction instead of offering only to consider publishing a letter from Professor Vincent.

Sugar pollution killed 15,000 fish in river

British Sugar was yesterday fined a total of £2,100 after admitting that it caused pollution which killed almost 15,000 fish.

A 12-mile stretch of the river Lark, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, was affected by the pollution last October.

Magistrates at Bury St Edmunds were told that it took 20 days to bring the pollution under control, during which time more than 27,000 fish were saved.

Concentrated sugar syrup from British Sugar's processing plant in Bury St Edmunds had overflowed into public drains.

A sewage treatment plant could not cope with the waste and it was discharged into the river, Mr Robert Breadmore, for the prosecution, said.

As the waste was organic, it used up all the oxygen in the river, killing thousands of fish before water authority scientists moved in.

Mr Michael Taylor, for the defence, said: "This was not a cynical or deliberate act of pollution by a company insensitive to the environment.

"It was a tragic and freak occurrence which people at the factory could not have foreseen."

He said that trout stocks in the river would be replenished in time for the new fishing season.

British Sugar was fined £600 on each of three charges of pollution and £300 on a charge of causing water to be injurious to fish.

The company was also ordered to pay £50.

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PARLIAMENT

Government determined inner cities will share in success of its policies

Since the Government had established the land registration system five years ago, 50,000 acres of previously unused land had been brought back into use, Mr Richard Tracey, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said during a debate in the Commons on inner cities.

"For the first time the amount of land still on the register has dipped below 100,000 acres and that is encouraging," he said.

In addition to this improvement in the supply of land, the derelict land grant had covered 4,200 acres a year.

As an indication of the priority the Government attached to improving the urban land market, derelict land grant resources had doubled in real terms since 1979.

Central and local government had a part to play in the regeneration of wealth and at national level the Government had set the framework. Its successful anti-inflation policy and the more effective use of public expenditure had created the conditions for six successive years of growth and there was no contradicting that fact.

"We must make sure the inner cities do not miss out on this success. In practical terms this means using public resources where they can be made and seen to work."

Some £3,350 million has been spent by the Department of the Environment since 1979 on a range of targeted urban initiatives. That was apart from the main programme support and the support of programmes promoted by other departments. That had also resulted in £2,000 million in private investment.

Mr Thomas Cox (Tooting, Lab), opening the debate, said that the Chancellor in his Budget would be giving away billions of pounds to the better off sectors rather than helping the more urgent needs of the inner cities.

It had been said that the country was divided into north and south, but it could be narrowed even further, to areas of the haves and the have nots and none suffered from this syndrome more than the inner cities.

The Chancellor should be helping areas of urban deprivation with their problems of unemployment, housing, hospitals and education, as well as the local environment.

These were the most pressing and urgent needs of the day for the Government to tackle. It should be giving the lead to local authorities and commerical businesses to provide hope for the future for inner city residents.

There were empty properties which needed repairs but because of rate capping of local authorities the only way they could get the cash necessary to do the work was by increasing rates, although some residents did not like it.

Sir Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C) said that the town planning dreams of the war and postwar period had turned all too often into nightmares, a period of municipal madness with the creation of tower blocks, faulty system-built houses and estates of ill-designed houses.

Neighbourhood watch schemes had encouraged people to come together to counter unacceptable behaviour and that helped all those involved to get to know each other. As a resut, community instincts were very much strengthened and this could mark the beginning of a renewal of neighbourliness.

Mrs Rosie Barnes (Greenwich, SDP), in a maiden speech, said that she had promised the people of Greenwich that she would fight to improve the quality of their lives which was clearly deteriorating rapidly.

In Greenwich there was high unemployment, especially among young people; a chronic shortage of housing; appalling disrepair of council housing and schools and education which often left a great deal to be desired.

From the poorest council estates to the most affluent areas of the borough, there was great anxiety about the declining state of the health service. From those living in tower blocks to those living in comfortable middle class houses, there was a major concern about law and order.

For all the money spent on education and training, inner London's children were clearly getting a poor deal.

Housing was the major single source of greatest despair. House prices in Greenwich had increased even faster than the London average, making it impossible for most local people, and particularly young couples, even to consider buying their own homes.

Many young couples with families were having to live with in-laws because there was no accommodation available for them.

There was an estimated £60 million worth of backlog repairs on one estate alone and yet Greenwich Council had only £15.7 million to spend on housing investment for the whole borough next year.

In order to help these desperate people there should be a partnership between national and local action and between public and private investment. The people trapped in these estates did not have any strong ideological view about where the money came from. They needed a basic home to live in.

Mr David Clelland (Tyne Bridge, Lab) said that the Prime Minister on taking office had promised that where there was discord she would bring harmony. After some of the longest and most bitter industrial disputes in Britain's history, conflict with the trade unions and local authorities, a deterioration in services, decline in standards and in the environment of inner cities, as well as war with a foreign country, what would happen if she turned nasty?

Mr Reginald Freeson (Brent East, Lab) said that there was a need for greater financial and administrative coordination on urban regeneration policy and action.

At the moment there was incoherence and competition between different Government departments. There was a social, environmental, economic and physical malaise in the inner cities. An increase in resources for funding and investment was not an answer in itself but, without it there could not be an answer.

Mr William Shelton (Streatham, C) said that the conduct of the direct labour organization run by Lambeth Council was a scandal. The DLO had made a £1.4 million loss between 1982-83 and 1983-84. No figures had yet been submitted for 1985-86 but he had those figures and they showed that the total value of tenders submitted for 22 schemes by the DLO was £28.2 million, but the cost of work carried out so far was already £50.7 million. They had overrun on their tenders by £22 million, or just under 50 per cent.

He supposed that the DLO put in the lowest tender and got the work without any hope, intention or purpose of completing the work for that price. If his supposition was correct, that was fraudulent and therefore illegal.

It had also been estimated that between £10 million and £15 million of the total £50.7 spent so far had been spent unnecessarily. So the ratepayers of Lambeth had lost that money because of inefficiency or something more serious.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, intervened to say that Lambeth Council was about to set up an inquiry into the DLO because there was a good deal of concern among the Labour group.

Mr Shelton said he was aware of that. He urged ministers to direct Lambeth Council to cease to undertake any further construction or maintenance work by their DLO for the sake of his constituents.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, L) said that the Chancellor would have an opportunity to respond to the national mood. Comfortable Britain, relatively affluent Britain, was not asking for great tax cuts; comfortable Britain was saying it was willing to pay its share and willing to have an economic strategy from the Government which favoured those who needed economic support and encouragement.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said the effects of large rate increases proposed by Labour local authorities would inevitably affect job prospects. Small businesses had to decide between raising prices and redundancies. Some employees would find themselves out of work and paying higher prices. That was not the way to solve the problems of the inner cities.

Mr Fraser said that the Government should tackle poverty and unemployment, which were the root causes of inner city problems, and stop penalising local authorities for spending in the inner cities.

It did no service to the inner cities to accuse them of being "loony" while at the same time trying to get the private sector to cooperate with the local authorities.

People living in the inner cities should be given a greater sense of dignity and made to feel they could have more control over their environment.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Contras got $32m in private gifts

Washington — The Nicaraguan Contras' main military force received more than $32 million (£20 million) in cash donations from anonymous sources during the two-year congressional ban on direct US military aid, according to its leader, Señor Adolfo Calero (Christopher Thomas writes).

He said that $18 million (£11.2 million) of that was used to buy and ship weapons. The cash was handled through six bank accounts in Panama and the Cayman Islands under the corporate names of Alpha Service, Chester Co. and Dataguard International.

"Here's the big money we got," he declared, giving reporters a quick look at detailed financial records of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), which claims to have more than 10,000 fighting men under its command. He said he did not know where the money came from.

Dissident 'not free'

Mr Sergei Khodorovich, aged 46, a leading Soviet dissident, has not been freed despite a Moscow statement five weeks ago, a human rights group said yesterday (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Mr George Miller, the chairman of the Association for a Free Russia, said that Mr Khodorovich's mother had had a telegram from Camp Norlisk, where he has been held, describing him as "practically healthy", a phrase usually implying that a prisoner was ill and still in a camp.

Rhodesia memories

Harare — Charges were withdrawn yesterday against four white septuagenarians for being in possession of a collection of Rhodesian memorabilia considered by Zimbabwean police to be "subversive" (Jan Raath writes).

Colonel Leslie Moody, aged 74, Mr Tommy Hepburn, aged 77, Mr Gerald Maggs, Mrs Peggy Watson and Mrs Sheila Louw were held in Bulawayo for 36 hours after a raid on November 18 on the offices of the Pioneers and Early Settlers' Association and the British Legion.

Russians refuse visas

The Soviet Embassy in London said yesterday that it had refused visas to a group of wives of British MPs because their plan to meet refuseniks in Moscow was provocative and an act of direct interference in Soviet domestic matters (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, yesterday told a Soviet diplomat that the Government was "disappointed" that Moscow had refused the visas.

The group, which included Mr Hugh Dykes, the Conservative MP for Harrow, had planned to meet Soviet dissidents. In a similar incident two weeks ago three MPs were refused visas after having made plans to hold a ceremony involving dissidents at the British Embassy.

Pretoria hits back

Ottawa — The South African Ambassador to Canada, Mr Glenn Babb, has found a novel way to hit back at the Canadian Government for its unrelenting attacks on his country's apartheid system — he is to visit an Indian reservation where residents have asked Pretoria for foreign aid (John Best writes). Mr Babb has accepted an invitation to visit a Manitoba reservation and inspect the conditions under which Peguis Indians live.

TV man mystery

Bonn — The West German Government yesterday denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of a Soviet television cameraman and his wife and son, who have been missing from their Bonn home since February 28 and are reported to have defected to the West (John England writes).

A newspaper report has claimed that the cameraman, Mr Vladimir Kovnat, might have been a double agent who had been uncovered by the KGB.

Celebration cancelled



King Juan Carlos of Spain, left, will be unable to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the 1812 Constitution in Cadiz next week after the Spanish Parliament yesterday abandoned plans to mark the occasion because of a row over an invitation to Nicaragua's ambassador (Richard Wigg writes from Madrid). The protestors fear that the Sandinista representative will seek to exploit the occasion.

Political child's play

Cairo (Reuter) — Mrs Samia Mahmoud Taha, who has just had her fourth baby, has found a way to get child-care leave — she is standing as a candidate in Egypt's election on April 6.

Candidates have the right to leave their jobs during the month-long campaign, whereas the law does not grant child-care leave to mothers after their third child. So Mrs Taha is standing as an independent purely to beat the ban, *al-Ahram* newspaper said yesterday, running a photograph of her handing her nomination papers to election officials.

Smooth Karpov draws

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The fifth game of the Sokolov-Karpov world chess eliminator in Linares, Spain, has been drawn. Karpov playing the Caro-Kann defence as Black for the third time in this match, equalised easily.

It seemed indeed after a mere ten moves that the general exchange of pieces would lead to an early draw. But Karpov probed for 28 more moves in an effort to unsettle his less experienced opponent. His smooth performance emphasized his overall grip on this match, which he leads by three points to two, with nine to be played.

White Sokolov; Black Karpov

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	c6	20 Rhe1	Bg5
2 d4	d5	21 Rd1	Rfb8
3 Nd2	dxe4	22 b4	Kf8
4 Nxe4	Nd7	23 Bb3	Ke8
5 Nf3	Ngf6	24 Rd4	b5
6 Nd6*	Nxd6	25 Rdd1	Rc8
7 Ne5	Nd7	26 Rdc1	c5
8 Be3	Nxe3	27 bxc5	Rxc5
9 dxe5	Bf5	28 Rxc5	Bxc5
10 Qxd8*	Rxd8	29 a4	bxa4
11 Bxa7	Bxc2	30 Bxa4*	Kf8
12 Bb6	Ra8	31 Bc3	b5
13 Bc4	c6	32 Bc6	Rxa1
14 f3	Ra4	33 Bxa1	Bg1
15 b3	Bb4*	34 h3	Bf2
16 Kd2	Ra3	35 Kd3	Bc2
17 Bd4	O-O	36 f4	Bg1*
18 Bb2	Raa8	37 Ke2	Bb3
19 a3	Be7	38 Bc3	

Draw agreed.

Abdullah lawyer admits he was state spy

From Diana Geddes, Paris

In an astonishing confession published here yesterday, a French lawyer admitted that he worked for two years as an informer for the French intelligence service while acting for the defence of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, the convicted terrorist and alleged leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Farl), and for various members of the extreme-left French terrorist group, Action Directe.

Sickened by his inability to stop the bombing by Abdullah's supporters in Paris last September, Maître Jean-Paul Mazurier, aged 32, decided to break his ties with the intelligence service and make his "confession" to a French journalist, M Laurent Gally.

M Gally's account of his conversations with M Mazurier is published in a book entitled *The Black Agent: A 'Mole' in the Abdullah Affair*. In a footnote the head of the French counter-espionage service, the DST, confirms that M Mazurier rendered them "a very useful service ... because he passed on all the messages addressed to or sent by Abdullah".

Abdullah was sentenced to life imprisonment last week for complicity in the murders of an Israeli and an American diplomat in Paris in 1982, and in the attempted murder of another American diplomat in Strasbourg in 1984. His lawyer during that trial, Maître Jacques Vergès, has demanded that the whole case against his client be declared null and void if M Mazurier's claims are confirmed.

If the information were correct, he said, "it would be a particularly dirty affair for the judicial system and the police in France, and a complete violation of a defendant's rights. It would mean that Abdullah had been without a lawyer at first, and that he had been betrayed by a policeman disguised as a lawyer". The Paris Bar Association has opened disciplinary proceedings against M Mazurier for what it considers a "very serious affair".

In a television interview yesterday, M Mazurier said that he deserved whatever sanction he got "because I have betrayed and violated all the duties of my profession, which remains one of the foundations of democracy and freedom". Confirming that he had acted simultaneously as an agent and Abdullah's defence lawyer, he said that he had done it "for reasons I believe to be just".

The president of the Paris Bar Association said yesterday that a review of Abdullah's first trial in Lyons now seemed "a possibility".

In the book, M Mazurier, who used to be well-known for his extreme left-wing sympathies, recounted how he first met Abdullah in May 1982 when a big dark-haired man with a heavy beard walked into his office, claiming to be an Arab militant called "Alex".

He asked M Mazurier to put him in touch with one of his clients, M Frédéric Oriach, an extreme-left militant at that time in prison, to take on the defence of another alleged left-wing extremist, M Mohand Hamami of Action Directe, and to meet other Action Directe members.

M Mazurier agreed to carry out Abdullah's requests. However, it was not until more than two years later, in August 1984, when "Alex" asked him to go to Italy to defend a Farl militant, M Abdallah el-Mansouri, that he realized that his client was a member of the same organization.

By now M Mazurier said he had acquired a deep antipathy for Farl, ever since it had claimed responsibility for a bomb attack in Paris in 1982 in which two French bomb disposal experts died.

He confided his "discovery" to an examining magistrate and then went to the Ministry of the Interior where, he says, he was put in touch with a member of the French intelligence service, who asked if he would collaborate with it. From that moment M Mazurier became "Simon", an agent working for the DGSE, the French external intelligence service.

During the two years which followed, Abdullah, who was to be arrested and imprisoned in October 1984, used him as a go-between for contact with other Farl members, including Mlle Jacqueline Esber, Abdullah's girl friend, who is still being sought for the murder of Mr Yacov Barsimantov, an Israeli diplomat, in Paris in 1982.

M Mazurier says he met Mlle Esber three times during November 1984 — in Rome, Geneva and Belgrade — to deliver messages from Abdullah.

On the eve of Abdullah's first trial at Lyons in July 1986, on charges of illegal possession of weapons, use of forged papers, and membership of a criminal association, M Mazurier says Abdullah warned him that, if he was given two years' imprisonment, "they" would remain quiet but that if he got 10 years "they" would take action.

When a four-year sentence was announced, Abdullah told him: "I hope for France's sake that I am released before the end of August. Otherwise the country will become uninhabitable. It won't be just one Métro train that will be stopped, but the whole of the transport system."

At the beginning of September a bombing campaign began, in the name of a group demanding Abdullah's release, which was to leave 11 dead and more than 200 injured. It was the particularly horrible attack on the TATI store near Montparnasse on September 17, which M Mazurier says made up his mind to stop working for the DGSE.

"Impotence drives you mad," he said. "I had been feeling useless for several months as, apart from threats, Abdullah had told me nothing of use since the Lyons verdict."



M Mazurier admitting on television yesterday that he worked for French intelligence while defending Abdullah, the convicted terrorist, when he was first tried in Lyons last year.

The Iran arms affair

Magazine says McFarlane phone calls were bugged

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The home telephone of Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, was allegedly bugged by the Government after he left the White House and conversations were secretly recorded with President Reagan and other top Administration officials.

The allegation is made in *Progressive*, a respected investigative magazine, which said those recorded speaking to Mr McFarlane included Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, Mr Donald Regan, the former White House Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the dismissed National Security Council aide, and Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser.

The magazine, quoting intelligence sources, said that an electronic device was found in the sewing closet of Mr McFarlane's home in the Washington suburb of Bethesda in January during a sweep ordered by his attorneys.

In another development, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday that White House aides asked the Tower Review Board not to disclose President Reagan's confusion over when he first approved Israel's 1985 shipments of American arms to Iran.

Board members reportedly refused because they thought that Mr Reagan's different accounts, which were based on what he was told by different senior officials, were the result of "a clear case of presidential manipulation" by his aides.

Opinion polls taken by CBS News after President Reagan's address on Wednesday showed that 51 per cent of people approved of the way he was handling his job, compared to 42 per cent the previous weekend. Before the Iran crisis his ratings were between 60 and 70 per cent.

CBS said its poll showed that 54 per cent of people did not think Mr Reagan had told the public everything he knew about the Iran arms scandal; 60 per cent thought investigations should continue; and 58 per cent of people felt that "most of the time other people are really running the Government".

Another poll taken after the address found that 54 per cent of people approved of the way Mr Reagan was doing his job, a 10-point increase over a similar poll last week.

A born-again President

"The gipper is off the sidelines and back in the game!" trumpeted one of America's newspapers the day after President Reagan's sombre and compelling acceptance of blame for the Iran arms fiasco. Most of the country agreed. Congressmen praised him for the humility of his words and expressed satisfaction with his promises.

Democrats, as well as Republicans, said a corner had been turned. Just one week after the Tower Commission delivered its devastating judgement, there is a remarkable change in atmosphere. Few reports have had such an effect in so short a time.

The speech was the climax of a remarkable week in Washington: The Tower report seemed to jolt Mr Reagan out of his four-month torpor. He was deeply distressed and angry — with his subordinates, with his critics, but most of all, it seems, with himself. Was he really so lazy? Had he indeed become a national laughing stock?

It was a moment of humiliation for a proud President accustomed to applause. And in a display of determination not seen for a long time, he took a series of measures faultless for their political skill.

Mr Donald Regan, who had held him in such fatal thrall, was unceremoniously ousted from the White House. In his place came Mr Howard Baker, a man perfectly suited by temperament and experience to the job of rebuilding the demoralized team.

Mr Reagan withdrew the controversial Gates nomination and offered the CIA job to Judge William Webster, an equally impressive professional. He responded swiftly and in person to Mr Gorbachov's arms proposals, reasserted his principles to the National Security Council staff, made himself visible to the cameras, had himself briefed on southern Africa, summoned congressional leaders to the White House and exuded purpose.

All this prepared the ground. But it was the nationwide televison address America was waiting for. Mr Reagan struck exactly the right note. Gone was the folksy bonhomie, the sloganeering which has increasingly masked thought. The President, with echoes of John Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs, admitted mistakes, accepted responsibility, explained the lapses and endorsed the Tower recommendations.

True, he did not actually apologize: he did not renounce the entire approach to Iran; he did not deal with the Contra end of the scandal; and he did not admit the subsequent attempts at a cover-up. But as Mr Jim Wright, the Speaker, said: "Nobody expects the President to grovel."

The speech ended simply and personally. "You learn. You put things in perspective. You pull your energies together. You change. You go forward." But can Mr Reagan change, can he go forward? Few believe that he will, at 76, change the working habits of a lifetime.

The President will never get into the details of government, is unable to absorb the complexities of policy argument. He may ask more questions; he may call for more progress reports; he may seek advice from more sources. But he will still rely heavily on his Chief of Staff. And though Mr Baker disavowed any intention of ruling, like Mr Regan, as a "prime minister," he will inevitably be an unofficial regent. The difference is that Mr Regan was contemptuous of the political process, whereas Mr Baker, a former Senate majority leader who helped enact the earlier Reagan programme, knows the sensitivities of his former colleagues. The new conciliatory White House will make few false moves in its dealings with Congress.

As for going forward, Mr Reagan has already scaled down his objectives. He has all but abandoned the heady "Reagan Revolution"; the aim now is modest progress — on health insurance, trade policy, the budget deficit and arms control.

Conservatives are furious. "Reagan has sold us out as he sold out to Iran," one said. They distrust Mr Baker.

In foreign policy Mr Gorbachov has thrown him a lifeline. Mr Reagan's speedy response is evidence of a determination to achieve at least a partial arms control agreement and perhaps even a summer summit as well. The Pentagon right-wingers know that however much they play up the difficulties of verification, they can no longer sabotage an agreement. Mr Reagan, at last, seems in a mood to enforce discipline and take decisions.

But as all point out, he must follow through on these first steps. He is off the sidelines, but the game is still going badly. The economy is in danger, and too much has been left to drift. Credibility takes longer to rebuild than to destroy. And the debilitating investigations into the Iran affair are still going on. What if they turn up more scandal?

Mr Reagan has put into effect the mechanism for recovery, and his country wants him to end his term with honour. With a new and abler staff and a return of his famous luck, he may succeed. It will not be the cocoon of euphoria that preceded Iran. But it may be a more sober and realistic presidency.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

Israel frees 21 Arab women

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

At least one of the 21 women released by the Israelis from the al-Khiam prison in southern Lebanon this week has complained that she was tortured while she was being held in the jail.

Miss Nahida Hmayyed, aged 23, said in Tyre that she had been tortured with electric shocks and forced to undergo long periods of hunger in the al-Khiam prison, which lies inside the Israeli occupation zone in southern Lebanon.

Miss Hmayyed was held for eight months in the jail, which is guarded by gunmen from Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia.

She and the other 20 women were turned over by the Israelis to the International Red Cross in Tyre, together with seven corpses.

The bodies were said to be those of Lebanese guerrillas who had been killed while attacking SLA positions in southern Lebanon.

Another female prisoner, Miss Nayla Sofan, aged 18, said that she had not been maltreated.

She had, she claimed, entered the occupation zone on a "suicide mission" against an Israeli patrol. "Unfortunately, the patrol did not show up and we could not retreat, and soon we were discovered by the Israelis who opened fire and killed two of us. I was wounded in the leg and then arrested."

All 21 women were wearing scarves when they were handed over to the Red Cross.

There was no indication whether the release of the women was part of a secret deal for the freedom of Western hostages being held in Lebanon.

US company to appeal Aids ruling

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

An American construction company, ordered to pay compensation to an employee after he contracted Aids from a prostitute supposedly provided by the firm in Zaire, says it will appeal against the landmark ruling.

Earlier this week in Norwalk, California, Judge Maurice Carey said that Mr Paul Trejo, aged 46, was entitled to benefits from the Morrison Knuteson Corporation of Boise, Idaho, because the firm condoned the practice of procuring local women for employees stationed in the country.

Tribal leaders were often bribed with fuel.

The judge cited what he termed the so called "commercial traveller" rule in which Californian courts have held that injuries received in activities that mix business with pleasure are subject to compensation if the arrangement is expressly or implicity approved by the employer.

Under the ruling, Mr Trejo receives $197 (£126) a week in compensation which is retroactive to December 26 1985 when the onset of the disease was diagnosed. In addition his family is entitled to $195,000 if he dies.

● TOKYO: Laws being drafted in Japan will bar entry to foreigners infected with Aids, but the idea of jail sentences for carriers who engage in sex has been dropped, government officials said (Reuter reports).

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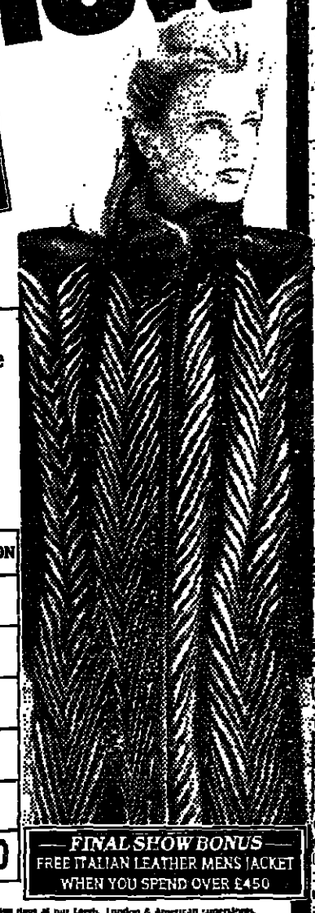
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Drug trafficker's claim to suffer from brain disorder is dismissed by judge

Court sentences Briton to death in Malaysia

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian High Court sentenced Derrick Gregory, aged 38, of Richmond, Surrey, to death yesterday for trafficking in 576 grams (about 17 ounces) of heroin five years ago. Mr Justice Dzaiuddin, in pronouncing sentence, said there were no extenuating circumstances to warrant the alternative sentence of life imprisonment.

Gregory, who detailed his involvement in an international drug ring in a television documentary a few months ago, repeated the testimony in his defence this week. But the main aspect of his mitigating plea was his alleged mental illness. Despite a defence expert testifying to this on Gregory's behalf, the judge concluded that there was no evidence of mental illness or brain damage.

"Upon this evidence, it is my finding that you merely suffer from a personality disorder characterized by your immaturity and anti-social behaviour," the judge said.

Gregory becomes the third non-Asian sentenced to death in Malaysia for drug trafficking. Malaysian law presumes that anyone found with 15 or more grams of heroin is a trafficker, for whom the punishment on conviction is death. The other two — Kevin Barlow, a Briton, and Brian Chambers an Australian — were hanged last July.

Malaysia has hanged 42 people for drug trafficking between 1975 and the middle of last year. In the last three months of the year another 10 people were hanged.

Gregory was arrested before the law changed to a mandatory death sentence instead of a discretionary one which allowed the judge to opt for a death sentence or life imprisonment. He looked pale after the sentencing, but told reporters from the dock that he accepted the verdict.

There is an automatic appeal to the Supreme Court. If that fails, he can appeal to the Pardons Board for his life. The hanging of Barlow and Chambers has removed the initial official reluctance here to hang non-Asians. If the Supreme Court confirms the sentence and the board refuses to commute it, Gregory could be executed in about nine months.

He was arrested at Penang airport by police officers who found the heroin hidden in his underpants and shoes.

Mr R. Rajasingham, Gregory's lawyer, said in his plea of mitigation that Gregory was an idiot and a fool who was not a member of any drug syndicate but rather one who was manipulated by it.



A haggard Derrick Gregory leaving the High Court in Penang yesterday under tight security after being sentenced to death for drug trafficking.

Acclaimed Janata leader waits for Gandhi to falter

From Michael Hamlyn, Bangalore

All round the country politicians both in the ruling Congress (I) Party and outside it are waiting for Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, to stumble. It is their only chance, and they watch for it like pariah kites circling above a garbage dump.

If Mr Gandhi should err, if he should lose the confidence of the people, if he should split the party, then — and only then — will the hordes of hopeful politicians be able to make their move.

Only then could there be a chance of another national party coming to power. Then people might turn to such as Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, the *Chief Minister of Karnataka*.

A week ago *The Illustrated Weekly*, the national English-language magazine, asked famous people who their favourite politicians were. A *few* said Mr Rajiv Gandhi. Most said Mr Ramakrishna Hegde.

Mr Hegde became Chief Minister when the party of which he was General Secretary — the Janata Party — unexpectedly became the biggest party in the legislature of the southern state of Karnataka in an anti-Congress wave that swept the south in January 1983.

For two years he held together a ragbag coalition of former opposition factions. "It was not easy," he confessed yesterday. Then, in a display of political virtuosity, he made the new Prime Minister look like the political tenderfoot he really was. Mr Gandhi won in December 1984 the biggest majority any Prime Minister had ever had in Parliament.

Mr Hegde, confident that by this time he had made himself indispensable in Karnataka, announced that the general election result was such a vote of no confidence in the Janata Party that he had to resign.

With state elections called, Mr Gandhi had the dilemma of asking Mr Hegde to form a caretaker government and thus to remain with his hands on the levers of patronage, or installing a minority Congress government to face the obloquy of those who object to the toppling of state governments at the whim of the centre.

Mr Hegde and his Janata Party gained an overall majority at the polls that followed. After two years more in power Mr Hegde acknowledges that he feels good about his popularity.

He said: "I think it is an appreciation for the new trend that we have been able to give to Indian politics, not only in terms of programmes and policies, but in terms of practising certain values. We practise value-based politics."

"Value-based politics" has long been a catchphrase for Mr Hegde. It carries implications of a clean administration without corruption, without political finagling.

He was somewhat shaken last year when a scandal over a spirit bottling plant came close to his family. He resigned again. "It almost affected my reputation as a politician who believes in clean politics," he explained.

But he was urged back into power by his party, and now feels that having pushed through a radical reform of local government he has completed his task in Karnataka and would like to return to central politics.

"My national party has issued a *firman* (a Mogul-style edict) that I must not speak of leaving this state," he smiles. But it is known he feels that it should be possible to act centrally as he acted locally, and to build a national coalition of opposition parties into a majority for the Janata.

If Mr Gandhi does not stumble, it may well be a long time before such a coalition has any chance, and a possible way back into power for Mr Hegde could be to do as other former opposition stalwarts have done and return to the fold.



"If I was going to join Congress, I would have done it long since," he said. "Mrs Gandhi was very keen that I should join. There was nothing in the Government of India that she did not offer for me."

He believes that, for the health of democracy in India, there should be two strong national parties competing for power. "Being in the opposition today, if I do anything which would further weaken the already weak opposition I would be committing a betrayal of the cause for democracy."

In any case, Mr Hegde sees it thus: "It was not easy. I think I could handle this successfully, because . . . I do not know whether you would believe . . . But it is because I was not terribly interested in power. That has perhaps enhanced my prestige in the eyes of the people here in Karnataka."

Gorbachov's war on graft

Moscow spotlight on bribe-takers

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In an intensification of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's sweeping anti-corruption drive, the official Soviet media have begun printing in more lurid detail than before profiles of those involved in some of the most serious recent cases of bribery and corruption.

Yesterday the main economic newspaper, *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*, disclosed that Mr Yevgeny Kondratiov, the former Light Industry Minister in the Russian Federation — the largest of the 15 Soviet republics — had been sentenced to 12 years in a labour camp as a result of his corrupt practices over a period of seven years.

To illustrate how bribe-taking, patronage, servility, a mercenary spirit and other ills took root during his time in office from late 1974, the paper quoted examples of the lavish lifestyle he had lived, showered with gifts which included lobsters and fur hats, as well as elaborately organized fishing and hunting trips.

It described how Mr Kondratiov, now aged 63, had responded to the bribes, which he and a network of associates were taking in order to alter the state production plan and to conceal the fact that some enterprises were repeatedly failing to fulfil the targets set for them.

"Bribery as a crime has existed since prehistoric times," the paper said. "Nowadays the influence of bribery is more powerful. Thanks to bribe-takers, the bribers influenced the process of production and control."

The strength of the language and the detail included was seen in diplomatic circles as evidence of the problem now facing Mr Gorbachov in his nationwide clean-up campaign. In many aspects of Soviet business and personal life, a bribe is often the only way to secure service.

"In the mirror of statistics, a typical bribe-taker looks very respectable," *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* said. "The age is about 40, the education secondary, specialized or high; a good family, with children and no previous criminal record.

The article went on to deal with the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, one of the most corrupt in the Soviet Union, where nationalistic rioting flared last December after the long-serving Communist Party chief, Mr Dinmukhamed Kunayev, was replaced by a native-born Russian, Mr Gennady Kolbin.

It revealed that, under the network of corruption which flourished there, one third of the republic's food was available only in special shops for the elite.

More than 1.5 million roubles (£1.5 million) was spent equipping special summer houses and hunting lodges for the local municipal and state enterprise bosses. Only one fifth of new flats were allocated in the proper way, the rest were all distributed through "special channels".

Earlier, the Moscow evening newspaper, *Izvestia*, reported that the Government had instructed that the complex of opulent holiday homes, luxury hotels, lodges and hunting lodges reserved for the elite — and paid for out of municipal funds — were all to be forfeited and given instead to youth organizations to run as kindergartens and summer camps.

It was discovered that at the special hotels no fees had been paid by the guests for 20 years. The annual upkeep of one estate, including a private cinema, buffet-hall, two large residences, four cottages and nine summer houses, was one million roubles which came directly from the municipal budget.

Russians blamed for fate of Israeli leukaemia patient

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Two and a half months ago, Mr Mikhail Shirman was given a bone marrow transplant by his sister in an operation here. Doctors said at the time that it was a perfect match and that in normal circumstances there was every chance he would be cured of his leukaemia.

But the circumstances were not normal and on Thursday night Mr Shirman died. He had had to wait nearly a year for the operation because his sister, the only possible donor, was living in the Soviet Union and could not obtain an exit visa with her husband.

Mr Shirman, who came to Israel seven years ago, spent the time after his leukaemia was diagnosed as one of the most active campaigners for the release of Soviet Jewry. He lobbied the Reykjavik summit last October and travelled widely demonstrating for the cause in the United States.

Among those who joined his campaign was Dr Robert Gale, the American bone marrow specialist, who went to Russia to help victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster last May.

Mr Shirman's sister, Mrs Inessa Fleurova, was eventually granted an exit visa with her husband last autumn and tests showed that she was an ideal donor. The operation at first seemed successful, but Mr Shirman had grown progressively weaker over the past month and his doctors blamed the fact that the transplant was made far too late.

Mr Yacov Tzur, Israel's Absorption Minister, sent a message of sympathy to the family saying "the tragedy gives expression to the desperate plight of Soviet Jewry".

● TEL AVIV: Professor Alain Berrebi of the Kaplan Hospital here said yesterday that there was a good chance Mr Shirman would still be alive had his sister been allowed to emigrate sooner.

"If we had been able to perform the transplant by April last year, statistics indicate a 50 per cent probability of recovery."



Mr Shirman welcoming his sister, Mrs Inessa Fleurova, at Israel's Ben Gurion airport last October, after her 11-month struggle to leave the Soviet Union to donate bone marrow.

Hopes rise at Afghan talks on pull-out

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

A compromise on the timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan is coming into view at the *proximity talks here* between Afghan and Pakistani delegations, headed by their respective foreign ministers, communicating through Señor Diego Cordóvez, the UN *intermediary*.

Simultaneously, Mr Sebgatulla Mojedidi, representing the alliance of Mujahidin — the seven main resistance bodies — has indicated the movement's readiness to consider a settlement formula as evolved in the UN-sponsored negotiations and parallel contacts between Islamabad, Washington, Moscow and Kabul.

Pointing out that agreement on an interim government for Afghanistan, pending elections, was reached at a Mujahidin gathering in Peshawar last month, he said this could include "neutral" personalities.

"If Pakistan can come to a conclusion with the Russians on their unconditional withdrawal from Afghanistan over a short time, if the right of self-determination can be given to the people and if principles contained in UN resolutions are observed, this could be acceptable," Mr Mojedidi added.

In the Cordóvez negotiations, the difference on the withdrawal timetable between the Kabul Government and the Pakistanis — originally four years as against four months — is now, formally, 22 months and perhaps six months.

A further communication from Kabul, submitted here on Thursday, specifies a further reduction. This indicates the prospect of an eventual compromise of a year or thereabouts. The present round of talks is scheduled to end next week.

India cites border fears

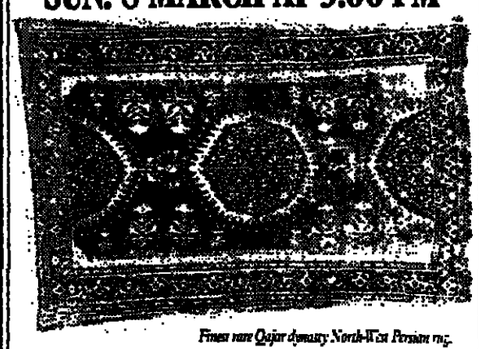
Delhi — The Indian Government said in Parliament yesterday that China had built a helipad at Wangdung, in Sumdorong Chu valley, where the Chinese had "intruded into Indian territory" last year.

The Chinese have improved also a mule track leading from Wangdung towards the border, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, the Minister of State for External Affairs, said.

India and China, which have held seven rounds of talks in the last four years to find a solution to their border dispute, appear to have reached a dead end.

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Sect refugees trek back to Mozambique camps

From Paul Vallely
Tete

It took David Muchave, aged three, just three hours to die of what his father called "the diarrhoea disease" in a camp in Malawi for refugees who have fled there to escape the war in Mozambique.

"Many children died," said Mr Ernesto Muchave with the quiet finality which comes from deep resignation.

To him, as to the several hundred other Jehovah's Witnesses who have recently made the journey from Malawi to camps in Mozambique, the past few years must have seemed like a biblical tribulation to accord with their religion's apocalyptic view of the world.

His group began its forced exodus from their homes in the south in 1975 when, on independence, the Marxist-Leninist Frelimo Government cracked down on religion.

The Witnesses, who were considered a subversive sect because their theology did not encompass the notion of the state, were banished to "re-education camps" in the north. Many are in the Milange district of Zambezia Province.

Some camps were harsh. "Four of my children died there," Mrs Salmena Maln, another member of the sect, said.

But others were simply remote settlements where they were left alone. "It was a good life. We grew rice, manioc, maize and bananas," Mrs Anne Marie Chirindza said.

Four months ago, when Milange fell to the South African-backed rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance, several thousand members of the sect, along with tens of thousands of other refugees, fled to Malawi.

"The camps there were very bad. They were flooded and many children died every day. In the camp at Chingara there were 7,000 people and three children died every day."

A delegation from the Mozambican Red Cross, recently in Malawi, reported appalling conditions and recommended that, although resources were very stretched in Mozambique, the refugees would be better off there.

In Malawi they faced acute shortages of food, clothes, shelter, blankets, cooking pots, medicine and clean drinking water. Severe malnutrition, diarrhoeal disease and malaria were common and there were epidemics of measles, scabies and conjunctivitis.

Now the Witnesses are among 15,000 refugees who have found their way back to camps in the Tete province of Mozambique.

"We came back by bus," says Mrs Chirindza. "It cost 18 (Malawian) kwachas. We had to work on farms there for two months to earn it."

These early arrivals are causing great concern to the authorities in Tete, which already claims to have 114,000 displaced people seeking refuge from the fighting in nearby districts and in the province of Zambezia.

"These people are the ones with the money, the strength and the enterprise to get here by themselves. What state will the weaker ones be in when they get here?" one government official said.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugeesis planning to launch a programme to repatriate some 70,000 official refugees, though the large numbers who fled from the Angonia district to Malawi recently may bring the total to 100,000.

As for the Witnesses, they are happy to be back in Mozambique, but want to return now to their original homes in Maputo and Gaza provinces. Hard-pressed local officials are anxious that they should.

"The Government has dropped its opposition to religion now," said one official.

Minister denies tilt to the West by Maputo

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mozambique's Minister of Information, Mr Teodato Hunguana, said in London yesterday that speculation that his Government was beginning to lean towards the West was mistaken. "The Soviet Union has been an historic ally," he said, adding that this had not changed.

Mr Hunguana, on an unofficial visit to Britain, added: "Mozambique is not shifting from one side to another, from West to East, we are staying at the same point, defending our independence"

When asked if Mozambique would accept Soviet bloc troops to help in its war against the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR), he said his country's needs were so great that it would not deny itself any support.

He confirmed that Tanzanian and Zimbabwean troops were assisting the Mozambique Army, but declined to give numbers or to confirm that Cuban troops were also in the country.

Mozambique had documentary evidence that the MNR was not only funded but directed and co-ordinated from Pretoria. "We are facing terrorism carried out by a state as a policy," he said.

He appealed to Western governments not to confine their help to economic aid but also to take sides on the political issue.

Renewing Mozambique's plea for humanitarian aid, he said: "The scale is so large that if help does not come millions of people can die."

Oxfam and the Save the Children Fund have launched a joint £4.5 million appeal. The address is PO Box 999, Oxford OX2 7DZ.

Kenya urged to sue Amnesty

From Alastair Matheson, Nairobi

The Kenyan Government has been called on to take Amnesty International to court for organizing and funding a meeting alleged to have been aimed at plotting against President arap Moi's Administration.

Speaking in the National Assembly here, Mr John Michuki, the Deputy Minister for Finance, suggested that the human rights body should be sued for sponsoring such a meeting. Although he did not identify the gathering, it is believed he was referring to the recent launching of the opposition Ukenya party at the Africa Centre, in London.

Mr Yusuf Hassan, who has claimed to be one of the leaders of the Ukenya party, has, meanwhile, come in for much criticism in the Kenyan Assembly, especially by MPs from the North-Eastern Province, inhabited mainly by ethnic Somalis.

Mr Ahmed Ogle, a Deputy Minister for Water Development, has denied that Mr Hassan is a Kenyan citizen, claiming that he was born in Tanzania and travelled to Britain on a Ugandan passport.

Insisting that the people of Kenya's North-Eastern Province were supporters of the ruling Kanu party, he said the province as a whole did not support "clandestine liberation movements, such as Ukenya, or Mwakenya".

Lawyers in Nairobi are now seriously concerned over the disappearance of one of their colleagues, Mr Kamau Kuria, who was taken into custody at the end of last month.

Mr Kuria, who was educated at Oxford, has in the past defended a number of controversial Kenyan politicians.

An application for an order of habeas corpus has been filed.



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Nazi hunter appeals for identification of alleged war criminals in Britain

From Philip Jacobson, Vienna

In his cramped, book-lined office a stone's throw from the Danube, Mr Simon Wiesenthal opens a buff-coloured file and begins to explain why the British Government should not — cannot — allow half a dozen men alleged to be Baltic war criminals to continue living in Britain undisturbed.

"This is the death certificate for Ain Mere, who commanded the concentration camps in Estonia. There was ample proof of the terrible things he did, of all the innocent young lives he destroyed. But look here, he passed away in 1969, of natural causes in Leicester at the age of 65, in the bosom of his family.

"Do you really believe such a man had the right to die in peace?"

For Mr Wiesenthal, the original and tireless force behind the Nazi-hunting Documentation Centre, the Home Office's decision to reopen files on how up to 17 East Europeans suspected of war crimes originally came to Britain should only be the first step in ensuring that the guilty are brought to justice.

"They should be named immediately, so their neighbours understand who they are, yes and their own children, too. Please don't tell me that they are now old and sick and that it all happened long ago and far away.

"And don't ask me what punishing them now would achieve, because we who survived the camps know better than anyone that their crimes are utterly beyond any punishment. But it is only be tracking such people down to the ends of the Earth that we can warn the mass murderers of tomorrow that they will never be forgotten, they will never be completely safe."

According to Mr Wiesenthal, a burly, soft-spoken man who looks much younger than 78, those now under investigation in Britain would almost certainly have arrived in the same way as Ain Mere.

"When the Nazis invaded the Baltic countries and the Ukraine, they were besieged



Mr Wiesenthal: pledges his support to Home Office.

by eager collaborators, ready to turn like wild animals on the Jews and other 'undesirables' who were living among them, whom they had known for years, because they coveted their houses and their property."

As Hitler's forces were driven back by the Red Army, these collaborators, including an entire Ukrainian SS division, were the only local people allowed to join the retreat to Germany.

At the end of the war, thousands of them were able to mingle with the great tide of displaced people in Europe: fearful of returning home, they had turned to the Red Cross for help in starting new lives elsewhere. Mr Wiesenthal's records show that large numbers (among them the remnants of the Ukrainian SS unit) came to Britain.

"One thing your Home Office can surely discover is how known Nazi collaborators like Ain Mere originally described themselves in their entry applications," Mr Wiesenthal observed, the blood suddenly rushing to his face.

"Those still living must explain their activities in the Baltic states at a time when many, many Jews were being killed in the streets every day. Believe me, the Centre will make available everything we have, including a dossier on 8,000 Ukrainians who certainly passed through Britain, which recently came into our hands."

Politely but firmly, Mr Wiesenthal begged to differ with a leading article in *The Times* this week which spoke of "a natural desire for vengeance on evildoers". His life's work had nothing to do with revenge, he insisted.

Between them, he and his wife had lost 89 members of their families to the Nazis. "If it was just hatred that motivates me, I'd have gone mad years ago. But the world must not be allowed to forget that the catastrophe which overtook Europe's Jews could happen again to another innocent minority."

Siege drama on the streets of New York



A police officer shields a woman and her child as a gunman holding four hostages opens fire from an apartment building during a two-day siege in New York's East Harlem district.



New York (AP) — A man on parole believed to be under the influence of cocaine surrendered to police yesterday after holding a family hostage for nearly 30 hours, during which he fired at least 27 shots into the streets of the East Harlem district of New York.

Mr Ismael "John" Igartua (seen left being taken into custody), aged 25, was later rushed away in handcuffs by police, accompanied by a lawyer, from the apartment building where the drama had unfolded.

During the siege he fired at least 27 shots, police said. Police added that they did not return fire, relying instead on negotiators maintaining continuous contact with Igartua and wearing him down.

Several times the gunman seemed to threaten the four hostages, and at one point he held a child at gunpoint at a window. He had also repeatedly demanded baking soda, an ingredient needed to make the potent cocaine derivative known as "crack", but the police refused.

The incident "began with a drug deal gone bad", said the chief of the Police Department, Mr Robert Johnston.

The police said that they believed Igartua used drugs during the siege.

Mother Teresa target of swindle

Calcutta (AFP) — Indian police say they are on the verge of cracking an international racket that has stolen at least $ 150,000 (£93,750) from Mother Teresa, with the funds being laundered in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Mother Teresa, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work among the destitute and diseased, first realized late in 1983 that money sent to her Missionaries of Charity did not always arrive.

Police said she alerted them after a US donor asked for a receipt for a donation which the charity had never received. The Missionaries of Charity devote their lives to helping the dying and hungry in Calcutta's worst slums.

But a gang of well-organized thieves recognized an easy prey and began intercepting mail meant for the Missionaries of Charity at Calcutta airport. Indian police say that the total sum already stolen could be much larger than the amount they have traced.

On March 16 two Bangladeshi businessmen, Mr Ikramul Haque, aged 41, and Mr Ahmed Shansi, aged 32, are to appear in a Singapore court on 20 charges of helping to dispose of stolen cheques worth $63,400 (£39,600) between November 1982 and August 1984.

The pair were arrested in February after two Calcutta detectives went to Singapore to investigate an import-export company called Amar Brothers Private Ltd., said to be owned by an Indian emigrant to Bangladesh.

But the identity of the racket's mastermind remains unconfirmed.

The Hong Kong connection is understood to work on the same system. However, Hong Kong's banking laws have prevented Indian detectives from seeing clients' accounts, police said, but they predicted both gangs would be broken up in the next few months.

The Indian authorities announced yesterday that two special postal officers have been appointed in Delhi and Bombay to sort out mail for Mother Teresa and send it east to Calcutta by special courier.

Shultz optimistic on Japan trade and reforms in Seoul

Tokyo (Reuter) — Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, pressed South Korea yesterday to find a compromise to its constitutional reform battle and urged Japan to cut its big trade surplus with the United States, voicing some optimism on both counts.

Visiting Seoul after a six-day trip to China, Mr Shultz urged President Chun Doo Hwan to seize the chance to give South Korea its first peaceful transition of power.

Mr Shultz said that he was now convinced that would happen next February, when President Chun has pledged to step down.

Mr Shultz said he had been reassured by the President's commitment to a dialogue with an Opposition pressing for constitutional changes which will allow the direct election of Mr Chun's successor, a move he is fighting.

"The US, as an ally and friend, supports the aspirations of all Koreans for continuing political development, respect for basic human rights and free and fair elections," he said.

Flying on to Tokyo for talks with Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, Mr Shultz said "both sides were quite frank in acknowledging that the persistent trade imbalance (between the United States and Japan) threatens the well-being of the world economy.

"We agreed we urgently needed to redouble our efforts to find solutions to this problem, which lies on both sides of the Pacific," he said of Japan's trade surplus, which last year reached nearly $50 billion (£30.5 billion) with the US.

"I think both of us agreed on the importance of resolving this problem that has brought forth this gigantic and unsustainable trade imbalance."

Mr Shultz said the two sides "continue to see eye to eye" on arms control issues, including medium-range nuclear weapons, on which progress has been made recently in superpower arms control talks in Geneva.

● PEKING: Mr Shultz left China restating Washington's position that it will not interfere in the settlement of the Taiwan question (Robert Grieves writes).

China's Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, left Peking yesterday on a European tour including Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, San Marino, West Germany and Switzerland (Robert Grieves writes from Peking). In Bern, Mr Wu will meet Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. British Embassy officials said in Peking that their talks will cover a wide range of Sino-British issues, including Hong Kong. The visits to the three East European countries follow his trip to Hungary and East Germany last June.

Late last year Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, asked the US to "exert its influence" on Taiwan to persuade it to come back into the mainland fold.

That theme was repeated on Monday, when Mr Shultz met with Mr Li Xiannian, the Chinese President. Mr Li stressed that, although Sino-US relations had been "making steady progress", the Taiwan issue remained "to be solved completely".

President Li expressed the hope that the US "would do something" about the issue.

In the Shanghai communiqué of 1972 that paved the way for the reopening of Sino-US relations, and in subsequent US communiqués dealing with China, Mr Shultz said: "The United States made it clear that our policy is based on the principle that there is but one China.

"We have no intention of pursuing a policy of 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan'."

Mr Shultz said that in the Shanghai communiqué the US also reaffirmed its interest in a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the Chinese.

"We understand and appreciate that striving for a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan question is also a fundamental policy of the Chinese Government," Mr Shultz said. "These principles of one China and a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan question remain at the core of our China policy."

Mr Shultz left open the possibility of new diplomatic initiatives, however. "While our policy has been constant, the situation itself has not and cannot remain static," he said. "We support a continuing, evolutionary process toward a peaceful resolution of the Taiwan issue."

Some diplomats said that Mr Shultz's reaffirmation of China's commitment to the open door policy and economic modernization plans initiated by Mr Deng made sound diplomatic sense.

Others felt he could have been more critical of China, in much the same way that Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, was of Delhi's policies during his recent visit to India.

Student in jeans theft is executed

Moscow (Reuter) — A student aged 25 has been shot by firing squad in Georgia after he stabbed a person to death for a pair of jeans, the republic's Communist Party newspaper said.

Georgian authorities refused clemency because of the seriousness of the crime.

Blackmail jail

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A Hong Kong man aged 26 was jailed for five years yesterday for trying to blackmail a local company after cases of soft drinks were found laced with rat poison.

Fire protest

Seoul (AFP) — A former university student aged 25 is in a critical condition after setting himself alight with petrol here in an anti-government protest.

Animals plea

Peking (AFP) — China's Ministry of Forestry has launched an urgent appeal for an end to the slaughter of rare animals and warned that those involved in killing or exporting protected species would be penalized.

New Primate

Budapest (AP) — The Pope has named Archbishop Laszlo Paskai, aged 59, as Hungary's Roman Catholic Primate.

2.4m jobless

Bonn — The total unemployed in West Germany dropped last month by 9,358 to 2,487,818, 10 per cent of the workforce, the Federal Labour Office reported.

EEC figures, page 14

Correction

An Associated Press report from Kampala on January 8 wrongly stated that 12 Bahais had been arrested on suspicion of plotting against the Uganda Government. Police did not, in fact, implicate any members of the faith.

Pretoria still forcing blacks to resettle

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

A total of 64,180 blacks were uprooted and resettled in South Africa in 1986, Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said in a written reply to a parliamentary question.

At least 21,973 more blacks in seven townships or communities, six of them in Transvaal and one in the Cape, are in the process of being resettled. Further removals, Mr Heunis said, will be undertaken on merit and in line with the Government's policy of "orderly urbanization".

Mr Heunis's disclosures confirm that the social engineering required by apartheid, which has led to the relocation of an estimated three million blacks in the last 25 years, is still grinding forward.

The Government pledged in February 1985 that all forced removals would be stopped and now contends that blacks are moved only after they have consented. This, however, is not the impression of journalists here, nor of independent South African monitoring groups.

Pretoria's idea of "consultation" usually involves talking to a few cooperative black councillors or leaders appointed by the Government who are offered financial inducements to move and are then held to have spoken for the rest of their communities.

In addition, the jailing of political activists under the state of emergency in force since last June has weakened the ability of black communities to resist resettlement.

Mr Heunis, perhaps unwittingly, offered a fleeting glimpse of the iron fist in the velvet glove in a reference to the 10,000 blacks at the Oukasie black township outside Brits, north-west of Pretoria, who the Government wants to move to a new settlement on the border of the Bophuthatswana homeland.

Conceding that there might be "a few" who will not move voluntarily, Mr Heunis said: "If this turns out to be the case, it will be to their advantage to force them to relocate. It will not be feasible to upgrade Oukasie for the sake of a few persons."

The Government contends that Oukasie is a slum, and that redevelopment on the same site would be too costly. The real motive for razing it, however, is that the land is wanted for an expanding white suburb of Brits.

Mr Heunis's suggestion that only "a few" may refuse to move voluntarily will come as a surprise to anyone who has visited Oukasie and talked to its inhabitants. The remaining 10,000 (5,000 others have been persuaded to leave) are against removal and signed petitions saying so.

Ghana celebrations marred by famine

Abidjan (AP) — Troops and Ghanaian women carrying yams on their heads paraded through Independence Square in Accra yesterday to mark the 30th anniversary of Ghana's independence from Britain.

Ghana Radio, monitored in Abidjan, carried live coverage of the ceremony.

Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, Ghana's leader, called in a spirited address for a new sense of responsibility.

"Thirty years ago you and I breathed in the air of freedom, but did that sweet air of freedom ever give you the freedom of food or good health?" he said. "We still face the humiliation of those dying in the hundreds of thousands from famine today."

Ghana was the first European colony to achieve independence. It was blessed with a strong agricultural base, and possessed large deposits of gold, diamonds and other exportable commodities. But its cocoa industry, once the world's largest, declined disastrously when put under government control. Other exports also dropped and the country has been forced to accept repeated devaluations of its currency, the cedi.

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Oxford's quaint pithead ballot

John Grigg asks why MAs cannot vote by post for their chancellor

Like the Boat Race, the Oxford chancellorship race appeals to the sporting instincts of a wider public. Yet in one sense it is an even more parochial event. The Boat Race at least takes place on the Thames, rather than on the Cam or Isis, but those of us entitled to vote next week will have to travel to Oxford to do so.

In these days when postal ballots are all the rage, Oxford University will be electing its new chancellor by a kind of pithead ballot, though one in which the vast majority of those qualified to vote do not, as it were, work in the pit. Moreover, in normal pithead ballots voters are not obliged to put on fancy dress in order to be allowed to take part in the ritual. At Oxford, we shall have to equip ourselves with gowns before entering the Convocation Room to record our votes.

Inevitably, only a small percentage – probably between 10 and 15 per cent – of the 40,000 Oxford MAs who have the right to vote will actually turn up, and a high proportion of them will be either Oxford dons or people who happen to live in the neighbourhood. The system acts as a strong, and in many cases prohibitive, deterrent to participation by members of Oxford's graduate diaspora, which covers the whole country and, indeed, every continent.

The limitation of the franchise to MAs involves a small but irritating financial deterrent as well – over and above the considerable cost of travelling to Oxford – since graduates have to pay a sum varying (according to college) from £9 to £25 for a master's degree.

In the old days when Oxford graduates elected two MPs, before the university parliamentary franchise was abolished in 1948, BAs were entitled to vote. More to the point, those elections were carried out by postal ballot, so the logistical deterrent did not apply. Why, then, is the university chancellor elected on such a restricted and, in effect, gerrymandered franchise?

When I suggested to an eminent Oxford professor that there should be a postal ballot for the chancellorship, his reaction surprised me. "Good God no! At that rate we'd be getting Nelson Mandela!" Of all possible reasons for opposing the idea, I can imagine none more remote from reality.

The Oxford graduate body has never been noted for its radicalism. If Roy Jenkins is elected next week, he will be only the second non-Conservative to win the post since the party system as we know it came into existence in the early 19th century.

The only non-Conservative chancellor to date has been Lord Grey of Fallodon (1928-33), who, though a Liberal, had two redeeming qualities in the eyes of Oxford graduates – then, it must be said, more prevalently conservative in outlook than they are today. As a landed gentleman and sportsman, no Tory could excel him; and, far from being a meritocratic swot like Asquith, he had been sent down from the university for gross idleness.

Roy Jenkins lacks those advantages, but can hardly be described as a revolutionary.

Is it to be supposed that Oxford graduates become more radical the further they are removed from Oxford, so that a postal ballot would make the election of a candidate such as Nelson Mandela more likely? Surely not. And are they a more radical lot than the graduates of London University, who elected a new chancellor – by postal ballot – in 1981?

In that contest Nelson Mandela was, as it happens, a candidate. The others were Jack Jones and Princess Anne, and the result, on a roughly 50 per cent poll, was Princess Anne, 23,951; Mr Jones, 10,507; Mr Mandela, 7,199.

A slightly more plausible argument against changing the Oxford system is that a postal ballot would be complicated and costly. But if London University, with a larger graduate body, can both manage it and afford it, why should Oxford be incapable?

Another argument is that the list of graduates has not been kept up to date and would be hard, now, to produce in a comprehensive form. But this, too, is a rather lame excuse. Whenever they need to appeal to us for money, our names and addresses seem to be readily available.

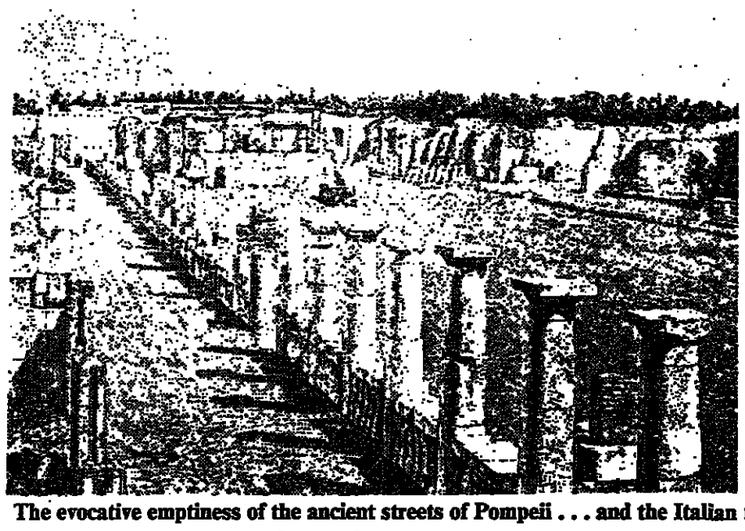
Perhaps we should be thankful that "democracy" has survived at Oxford even to such a limited extent, and the reason that it has may well have something to do with the last chancellorship election. In 1960 the candidate defeated by Harold Macmillan (as he then was) was Lord Franks, who soon afterwards had the task of recommending changes to make the university more modern and, it was hoped, more efficient.

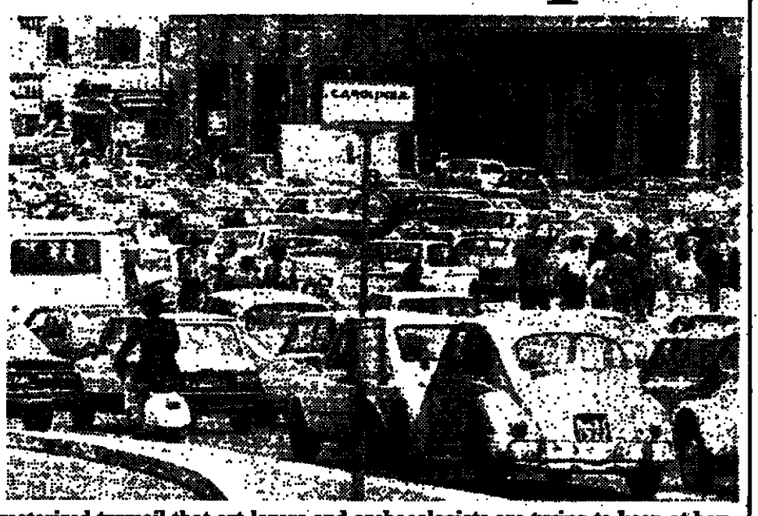
As a result, the graduate body (Convocation) was deprived of its residual power to decide issues for which no two-thirds majority had been obtained in the assembly of dons (Congregation). Yet the power to elect the chancellor – and, incidentally, the professor of poetry – was not taken away, and it seems possible that Lord Franks may have felt uncomfortable about recommending its abolition, fearing that he might be suspected of vindictiveness against a system that had denied him the chancellorship.

By such small human factors the course of events is often determined.

Roger Boyes on the growing conflict in Italy between car-lovers and the ancient heritage

The modern perils of Pompeii





The evocative emptiness of the ancient streets of Pompeii . . . and the Italian motorized turmoil that art-lovers and archaeologists are trying to keep at bay

Trapped by the sulphurous fumes of Vesuvius, the inhabitants of ancient Pompeii can still be viewed frozen in tragic postures of panic: a dog in its death-throes, a girl trying to cover her mouth with her gown, a slave sent back for something forgotten. Interrupted life, AD 79, the year of the great Vesuvius eruption, is a banal collection – of still-intact loaves, of a luncheon of eggs, nuts and lentils never eaten.

In modern Pompeii, rarely visited by tourists, the air is full of unpleasant manmade fumes – carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and all the other things emitted by road traffic. Sweating policemen shout abuse, cars overwhelm and pollute the streets. Open-air cafés, tentatively working again as spring approaches, display half-eaten meals, untouched coffee-cups. Interrupted life, AD 1987.

Now the modern Pompeii is proposing to add to the destruction of the ancient. City officials have approved a plan to build a four-lane highway straight through the middle of an unexcavated necropolis with its first-century tombs, and within yards of Pompeii's marble amphitheatre and palaestra (gymnasium). The idea is to ease the traffic pressure on modern Pompeii. With a population of 33,000 and many thousands of cars blocking the main arteries, the town considers that it is choking to death.

The ensuing row is a classic example of the current debate in Italy: car versus ancient culture. Rome has begun to ban traffic from its centre. By the end of this month only residents and pass-holders will be able to park near the Colosseum or in all the old neighbourhood between the Spanish Steps and the River Tiber. This is the initiative of a Roman magistrate who also wants to change the institutional heating system from oil-fired to methane gas. Both the cars and the heaters fill the air with acid that turns marble to chalk.

Resistance is strong, not only because of the traditional Italian belief that cars are a fundamental human right.

In Florence, archaeologists want to dig up the square outside the Uffizi Gallery and uncover a large Roman bath. The square, the Piazza della Signoria, could then become a subterranean museum linked by a glass passage to the Renaissance art treasures of the Uffizi. Nonsense, say city planners; the square needs to be repaired, not dug up. Over £1 million was allocated to resurfacing the piazza, and if they do not begin this month the government will reclaim the money.

The struggle in Pompeii, Florence, and to a lesser extent Rome, is not only about history but about money and power. Archaeologists are influential figures in Italy, and enjoy susbstantial financial backing from the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and other official departments. The chief archaeologist for Florence, for example, has gathered some £750,000 to carry on digging out the Roman bath in the Piazza della Signoria.

In Pompeii there is wheeling and dealing between the city fathers of modern Pompeii and the archaeological protectors of ancient Pompeii. The mayor, Nunicio Machetti, has proposed planting a buffer of greenery on either side of the planned highway. No good, say the ecologists: the fumes and the vibration will finish off the amphitheatre, hedge or no hedge.

But the Pompeii highway advocates have ways to soften up the opposition. They have set aside about £15 million for a special Pompeii library, and drummed up even more to finance new excavations in the ancient city. This has been enough to secure the defection of the director of excavations: he now supports the highway project.

As the battle grows more bitter, the anti-highwaymen have discovered what may be the decisive weapon: they claim that some of the funds allocated for the road are destined for the pockets of a Mafia building syndicate. The parliamentary anti-Mafia commission has been alerted and papers have been seized. The last hope for ancient Pompeii may then be that the Mafia can be shown to be profiting from the city's gradual destruction.

Henry Stanhope

Dear old days of private L-tests

The government is said to be considering the privatization of the driving test, one objective being that it should enable more people to pass.

I have long felt that what this country really needs is more cars on the road, so eventually, in the manner of the Cairo rush-hour, nobody will be able to move. This should reduce the accident rate no less effectively than the alternative once favoured by the Greater London Council, which was to have no cars at all (a fate which, in the end, more or less overtook the Greater London Council itself).

As those who have driven in Cairo will know, the corollary does not necessarily follow, but at least one can feel they are getting there.

The greatest scepticism is likely to be felt in those more rural parts of Britain, where the test has been privatized for years.

Speaking as one who passed his own examination on half-closing day in an age when the Highway Code advised motorists on the appropriate hand signals when passing a horse-drawn vehicle (and when a zebra was nothing more dangerous than a species of wild animal found in Africa) I have some experience which the government could well find very useful.

In those days one's success in the driving test depended largely upon which town one lived in or partly on which chapel one went to.

There was a time I recall when the town in which I lived in rural Wales was more popular than its neighbour 15 miles away for those who were learning to drive because it had no traffic lights, thus saving the man-on-a-Massey-Harris from a whole new raft of learning. People flocked there to stay in the "season" to take their test, much as they journeyed to Gretna Green to get married.

I know of one town where, or so it was said, all Congregationalists passed and Wesleyans failed, reflecting the sympathies of the Almighty – by whom, of course, I mean the driving-test examiner – or the man who had actually taught them.

In another, the Baptist minister would always lend a helping hand by sitting beside a member of his congregation as he or she grimly negotiated the learning curve, thereby fulfilling the irritating demand by the government of the day that a qualified driver should do so. The Baptist minister knew no more about driving than Adam (about whom, no doubt, he knew plenty). But he was a conscientious pastor who never tired saying "no".

In the years immediately following the introduction of the driving test, when rationing was still practised for certain necessities of life, the rural community was not above offering farm butter or fresh eggs in an attempt to assure that whatever might occur on the fateful morning, the examiner might be in a benevolent mood.

The results of these early experiments with privatization will also be of interest to the Ministry of Transport. One farmer of my personal acquaintance was so accustomed to giving traffic signals by hand, if at all, that he treated the new-fangled illuminated arms which rhematically clicked in and out on either side of his old Morris 8 with well-justified contempt.

"You've got your right indicator out, Mr Williams," said an anxious passenger one day, raising his voice to combat incipient deafness.

"Oh, never mind," said the farmer. "I'll be turning right sooner or later."

Then there was the blacksmith who could not reverse. He had dramatic ways of getting round this difficulty. One day he drove 15 miles into the nearest town and then round its periphery – to get back from one end of his farm to the other.

On the other hand, he never had an accident. Nor, as far as I remember, did any others of those who, in the early days of motoring-by-merit, successfully bucked the system. The reason for this was that they knew their limitations – and the rest of us knew them too.

My grandfather certainly knew his. His personal prescription for happy motoring along the Anglo-Welsh border was never to stray from the telegraph poles – which represented, he felt, a tenuous link to the safety he had left behind at home.

Now if that is the kind of life that the government would like us to return to, the sooner the better, I say. There are, as I have suggested, certain parts of the world where they have never moved away from it.

Peter Brimelow

Let me tell you about real cold

New York

"Come Audition for Your Part in L A Law-Enforcement." In this week of blustery wind and snow flurries, the cunning Los Angeles County sheriff's department set up a recruiting booth outside the mid-Manhattan College of Criminal Justice. Instantly surrounded by New York policemen and cadets, one of the recruiters said he'd planned to assist his pitch by wearing the official Los Angeles police uniform for beach patrols: sneakers, shorts and T-shirts. But it was too cold: 45 degrees fahrenheit on a day when the temperature back in his home *town of Hollywood was comfortably* over 80.

Americans generally do not discuss their weather with the learned scrupulousness of the British. It lacks the necessary nuance. Summer is hot and winter is cold. And at either season, when the clouds break, the sky is brilliantly blue. You never see the multiple layers of murk and mist I remember as a child in England, particularly on school holidays.

But this year New Yorkers have begun to complain about winter. They think it's been unusually cold – by which they mean temperatures down to 20, with three or four heavy snowstorms. You call that *cold*? I say, lapsing into local argot. That's not *cold! Cold* is when – and then I launch into my favourite anecdotes about the years I spent living in Canada.

The New Yorkers stare blankly. Totally absorbed in their volcanic city, they all tend to take it for granted that everywhere beyond the Hudson is overrun by dragons – boring dragons. And they've always assumed that Canada is populated by Eskimos anyway.

But I persist, because the subject fascinates me. For anyone reared in a temperate climate, there is a certain thrill to be savoured when the morning radio announcer in the prairie city of Winnipeg says cheerily that the day's high temperature will be 15 F below zero and the low will be 45 below zero. Particularly when the rising sun is blazing across the city outside and the columns of steam from central heating systems, rising unnaturally vertical in the still air, have turned into pure gold.

You can tell when it's really cold, below zero, because your face actually hurts. You have to wear mittens, not gloves, because each finger can no longer generate enough heat to defend its individual tube, and begins to feel as it if is being crushed in a vice. Your toes feel the same unless you wear boots or galumphing overshoes. Every parking lot has electrical sockets into which you have to plug your car's block heater to protect the engine. Even so, you hear the metal singing and chirruping as your drive off, and the tyres feel oddly lumpy.

Canadians on the prairies have adapted to these conditions. The Canadian Football League, playing a version of the interminable American game, holds matches until Christmas, and spectators stand watching in the open air – carrying open hip flasks, admittedly. Young women at dances emerge like butterflies from immense shapeless chrysalises of overcoats and scarves, leaving the latter tucked efficiently through the sleeves of the former, and battalions of boots clustering at the door like shy guests.

But if you watch closely, you see that winter is never taken lightly. *No native will go outside even for* a moment without coat, hat and mittens. Additionally, they have a marked tendency to dress by the date even if the weather is unseasonably mild, a peculiarity reported also by travellers in Russia. Just as only an inexperienced lion will chance the slightest scratch while making a kill, only immigrants run risks with the Canadian winter. There's simply too much of it to make the odds attractive.

This may sound unpleasant. And it is in fact quite dangerous: drunks die every winter in Winnipeg because they stop for a snooze and freeze to the pavement; every driver carries blankets and shovels in case a breakdown transforms what would in summer be a pleasant jaunt into an arctic survival struggle.

Curiously, however, I find I miss Canada's winter much more than the gentle seasons of England. In New York, I feel distinctly frustrated when an inch or so of snow arrives and then melts away – Winnipeg temperatures are so reliable that outdoor ice-sculpting competitions are scheduled every year. Under such conditions, snow won't go anywhere unless the authorities have it physically removed. This can be a big job: St Johns in Newfoundland has had 12 feet of snow in the last two weeks alone.

Part of the reason for my nostalgia is aesthetic. A great city utterly silenced by heavy snow is an unforgettable spectacle. It also looks clean, something that in New York will be accomplished otherwise only by a second Flood. And perhaps also winter appealed to that instinct for the dramatic that causes young men to leave home in the first place.

My brother, who arrived in New York after a few years in America's Deep South, does not sympathize. He thinks the winters here are savage. On the other hand, he wears three-piece suits right through New York's horrible steam-bath summers. His excuse is some irritating rigmarole about what *real* heat is like.

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Why abolishing our tax havens might not achieve much

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have never been much loved by the Labour Party. Thursday's document on *Making the City Safe* returns to the attack with a thinly-veiled threat to force the islands to accept imposition of *UK company law.*

Labour has tried in the past to stop the islands from being used as tax havens. In 1975 the last Labour government ruled that UK residents who moved to the Channel Islands would be deemed to continue to reside in mainland Britain for another 20 years and be taxed at British rates. The Channel Islanders regarded this, with some justice, as blatant discrimination when compared with the freedom of British residents to emigrate to anywhere else in the world without suffering tax penalties. The ruling was repealed by the incoming Conservative government. But the proposal actually to impose British law on the islands, rather than to alter British law to the disadvantage of Britons moving to Jersey, is much more controversial.

The substance of Labour's concern is perfectly understandable. Shareholders can hide behind nominee names in the islands in a way that is difficult in mainland Britain. This can mean that investigations into insider trading and other forms of financial malpractice often run up against a brick wall if the malefactor has had the foresight to trade through a Jersey-registered company.

Company law in Jersey is based on statutes stretching from 1861 to 1968 and is essentially an atavistic version of old UK company law. The top rate of income tax is currently 20 per cent, which is also the rate of company tax. There is no inheritance tax and no capital gains tax. In addition there is a special form of company called the Jersey Corporate Tax company which, doing no business in Jersey and controlled from outside the island, may pay a flat-rate tax of just £500 a year.

To set up such a company the promoters have to provide certain information to the island's Commercial Relations Adviser, including the names of the beneficial shareholders. But there is no requirement to disclose any changes in beneficial ownership. The company must have an annual general meeting in Jersey and file an annual return including the names and addresses of shareholders, but it does not need to draw up accounts or to identify the beneficial owners behind the nominee shareholders. The rules for Guernsey and the Isle of Man are similar.

Tax-haven companies like this (Jersey prefers the term "special tax regime") can provide a useful and legitimate function. A multinational company operating in the Middle East, for instance, might welcome somewhere in a less politically sensitive area in which to store income virtually free of tax until it was convenient to repatriate it. But the facility can also be used to cover the traces of less respectable transactions.

There are two main questions to which Labour's proposals do not provide clear answers. First, would it be practicable, given the present constitutional relationship between Britain and the islands, to try to force company law on them when they have gone to some trouble to market their special tax regime?

Economic and home affairs, including taxation and company law, have traditionally been a matter for the islands themselves. Westminster's role has been confined to defence and foreign affairs. In practice it is true that the islands are heavily dependent on the mainland. The idea, for instance, that they might have their own currencies has in the past filled them with horror. So the island governments might be forced to accept Westminster's proposals, but only under duress.

The second question is: What would really be achieved? The Channel Islands, it is true, are particularly convenient for offshore financial transactions. Vanuatu in the New Hebrides has recently been promoting its own attractions as a tax haven to the UK financial community, seemingly oblivious of the fact that Jersey is 40 minutes flying time while the New Hebrides is about 36 hours. And in Jersey they speak English and have a highly developed financial and legal infrastructure.

But there can be little doubt that if Labour were successful in annexing the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to the UK's structure of company law, the transactions that they seek to prevent would simply be driven further offshore to Luxembourg, Switzerland or the Bahamas.

Rodney Lord

SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

Minority voices

Now it can be told. Every time you pay a visit to any of the minor sports, you know that some nice and desperately eager young chap in a track-suit, or an old buffer in a blazer, will tell you: "This is the fastest-growing sport in Britain, you know." Well, the Sports Council can tell them all what's what, and does so in its book *A Digest of Sport Statistics*. Here, then, is its table for the 10 fastest-growing sport bodies in Britain between 1975 and 1985 with their percentage growth figures:

1 Scottish Baton Twirling Association, 1,173 per cent;
2 Northern Ireland Amateur Weight Lifting Association, 818 per cent;
3 National Roller Hockey Association of Great Britain, 500 per cent;
4 British Parachuting Association, 467 per cent;
5 English Volley Ball Association 355 per cent;
6 Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association, 350 per cent;
7 Margaret Morris Movement, 333 per cent;
8 English Fives Association, 316 per cent;
9 Scottish Sport Parachuting Association, 233 per cent;
10 Welsh Ladies' Indoor Bowling Association, 208 per cent.

Old-timer

A rather talented mid-field player made his second appearance for Altrincham of the GM Vauxhall Conference last Saturday – 18 years after his first. Frank Carrodus played for Altrincham in 1969, but after a single game he soared straight to the dizzy heights of Manchester City. He played more than 300 League games for City, Aston Villa, Wrexham, Birmingham and Bury. At 37, he returns. Just is the wheel!

BARRY FANTONI



'Me? I've got Customs and Excise and Tax Inspector in an each-way double.'

Hard row

Many people spluttered when the delightfully named Za Za Horne (yes, a woman) rowed in Pembroke College Men's Eight in the Torpids, and rubbed in this triumph by helping them improve from fourth to third by bumping Christ Church. But the most extreme reaction came from Saudi Arabia. A Saudi newspaper, firmly seizing hold of the wrong end of the stick, believed that she was rowing in the Oxford boat in the Boat Race and felt the shame so keenly that it printed a picture of the Pembroke Eight – with Miss Horne's face blacked out.

Home base

Richard Hill, England's Rugby captain, has insisted that his wife, Karen, remains at home today, rather than watch his pinpoint passing against Wales in Cardiff. Mrs Hill is pregnant, and Hill, a Bath man, said: "It would be bad enough having a son from outside the West Country, but having it in Wales would be just too much."

Politic

As we all know, Conservatives everywhere are getting ready for a fight. North Evington Conservative Club football team are not to be left out. In a match last weekend in the Leicester City League against Surat at Wigston, a goalkeeper was knocked down and the referee was attacked. Leicestershire Football Association is investigating. The trouble began after the Conservatives had scored a goal. The referee eventually abandoned the match. Paddy Hall, the team secretary, said: "It was the only thing the referee could have done under the circumstances."

● A hunt saboteur made an interesting contribution to a recent meeting of the Warwickshire Hunt. While beetling along a lane, keeping an eye on the the chase, he ran over the fox.

Trying time

Like every man of sense, I shall be cheering for Fiji in the Rugby World Cup. Fijian Rugby combines talent, flair and sheer lunacy, as shown by the dramatic conclusion to the Nausori Sevens' tournament. The final of the competition pitched Raralevu against the YMCA. With the score 10-10 at full time, the game went to sudden death. Raralevu's fleet-footed winger gathered a loose ball and sprinted clear. Once he was through, no one chased him, and so he slowed to a happy amble across the try line. But a team-mate sprinted after him and embraced him – and in doing so knocked the ball from his hands and out of play before it was touched down. The game was restarted, YMCA scored and so won the prize, the glory and the carton of Fiji bitter.

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MARKETING THE GARDEN

Turned down by the BBC and offered a job within a week by Covent Garden, Mr Jeremy Isaacs must be wondering whether he has been landed with the more or the less troubled of two very uneasy inheritances. He is expected to succeed Sir John Tooley as general director in 1989, and Sir John Sainsbury is likely to follow Sir Claus Moser as chairman in the autumn. Neither appointment is confirmed but, with Mr Bernard Haitink who is to take over as musical director in 1988, they look set to form the triple leadership which will take the Royal Opera House into the next decade.

They will start from a point of low morale and financial and artistic uncertainty. The Opera House should get through this financial year without going into the red, but next year it has warned the Arts Council that it will fall into a deficit of at least £1m, unless its grant is increased to a level well above the rate of inflation, and above the allocations, already announced, for the other national companies. By delaying announcement of the Opera House's grant, the Arts Council has given tacit warning that this cannot be done within the existing subsidy regime.

Existence on the brink of deficit is a more or less routine condition in the performing arts, and morale at Covent Garden might be little dampened by these problems if artistic confidence were high. But the decline in morale extends also to the production side. A number of recent opera productions have been poorly received, contributing to a sense of uncertainty about what its role should really be.

Reaching for the highest international standards, its failures are more ignominious, and more expensive than those of companies with less to lose.

In a period when restrictive working practices have come under intense pressure in industry, there has been insufficient sign of this back stage at the opera. In a period attaching high importance to communications and the drive for new audiences, it has found it difficult to shake off the elite, metropolitan image, and (with its opera, as distinct from its ballet) to enable its productions to show the flag outside London.

Uncertainty also hangs over the long-planned project — which will probably mean the complete closure of the Opera House for two years in the early nineties — to embark on a major reconstruction of the building, designed in the 1850s only for short summer seasons and now permanent home for two resident companies.

Much expansion and improvement has already been accomplished in recent years, but the need for new space, and a second auditorium, is regarded as acute. With a laudable regard for economic self-sufficiency, the board has devised a development on the north-east corner of the Covent Garden piazza, to be financed by including offices and shops.

The loss of enclosing the last open corner of the piazza might be justifiable in view of the Opera House's need. But, under the current scheme, almost half the designated space would be yielded up to other purposes, so that the space the Opera House itself would gain has been severely pruned. In effect, the possibility of gaining the facilities needed to create a house worthy of Covent Garden's international role is being permanently relinquished to secure a very much smaller gain.

A plan for raising funds through far more aggressive marketing and promotional activities has been put forward by Mr George Whyte, and the new regime should quickly declare whether this provides an alternative which avoids these disadvantages. Covent Garden, like the subsidised arts as a whole, must learn to market itself actively by one means or another. It is doing so less reticently than it did, and the potential is high, for its products are of a kind with which companies find it rewarding to be associated.

Covent Garden still makes the mistake of keeping maximum seat prices lower than the market would bear, in a misconceived attempt to combat the charge of elitism. Star names command star prices. Its long-term survival depends on it taking the least possible from the purses of those who care not for them.

The Government can claim some credit for changing the climate of arts funding and for the resulting commercial awareness and improved self-reliance. But it should not in the meantime exclude measures to assist companies to make better use of the resources that are available. In the opera world especially, the need for forward planning gives great advantages to the proposal to change from annual grants to a three-year system.

Covent Garden and organisations like it can never hope to win a fraction of the sponsorship support that similar bodies enjoy in the United States without major changes in the tax system to encourage contributions. State aid will remain inevitable if Britain is to have an opera house of international standing. Its level is likely to depend on how successfully organisations show that their use of resources is marked both by thrift and by enterprise.

NOT 1968

When, following the plenum of the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee in January, Mr Gorbachov started talking of a "revolution" in Soviet life, a "crisis" facing the Soviet economy and the need for "democratization" across the board, Moscow's allies in the Warsaw Pact might have been expected to applaud. Was this not the sort of progress they had been hoping for once the old guard of the Kremlin passed away? Would it not fan a welcome wind of change across East and Central Europe?

According to some East European leaders, the answer was a straight "no". The East German party leader, Herr Erich Honecker, listed reasons why his country had no need of the Gorbachov "revolution". Its economy was relatively successful, its media were relatively open (they had to be to compete with the rival attractions of the widely available West German media), and travel was generally easier for East Germans than for many East Europeans.

In Czechoslovakia, Mr Vasil Bilak, a senior Politburo member, insisted on two separate occasions that the changes being broached in the Soviet Union had nothing — repeat, nothing — in common with those the Czechoslovak reform movement tried to introduce during the Prague Spring. The Communist Party paper *Rude Pravo* stated categorically that whatever economic and political changes might be introduced in Czechoslovakia in response to Soviet changes, they would be nothing like those of 1968.

Elsewhere, the reception for Mr Gorbachov's outspoken indictment of Soviet failings and his proposed remedies has been less negative. Hungary and Poland have welcomed the planned changes as signalling Moscow's endorsement of the economic and political reforms they have started to introduce themselves.

The Bulgarian leadership, ever-faithful, has rehearsed the eminent suitability of the Soviet reforms for Bulgaria. (The fact that they require a complete revision of a reform programme already in train has been passed over in polite silence by officials in Sofia.)

Romania, equally true to form, has remained aloof, convinced that the new, experimental, Soviet model has as little relevance for Romania as the old Soviet model did.

Everywhere there has been a tactful reluctance to point out that much of East and Central Europe might have avoided Soviet-style economic crises and Soviet-style non-democratic government if it had not had Soviet-style communism foisted on it at the end of the last war. The reticence is surely deliberate.

Throughout the countries of the Warsaw Pact, the slightest draught from Moscow threatens both the lives of the frail and elderly leaders, and the order they have established. It also threatens the careers of those who benefited from the patronage of previous Soviet leaders, and could in time threaten the stability of the Soviet-style governments themselves.

To many of the younger generation and those tired or frustrated by the present regime, Mr Gorbachov's programme has appeal. For some, that is the appeal of reform within the system.

For others, however, the appeal is not only in the specific changes Mr Gorbachov has appeared to promise, but in the memories they have brought to life: East Germany 1953, Hungary 1956, Czechoslovakia 1968, Poland 1981... Of all these tragic episodes, the Prague Spring is perhaps the most potent symbol of hope in Central Europe.

Nearly 20 years later, change is coming to Central Europe. The changes in Moscow and the age of the East European leaders make it inevitable. Is there a chance of recapturing the spirit of 1968? And if there is, would Mr Gorbachov's Moscow be any more tolerant of its aspirations? That may be his ultimate challenge.

FOURTH LEADER

Some years ago we read of a man who staged a smash-and-grab raid at a jeweller's; he flung a brick through the window one dark night and made off with everything he could scoop up. Leaving nothing to chance, he had wrapped the brick in brown paper, lest he should be betrayed by his fingerprints on the missile; unfortunately, the brown paper he used was a sheet that he had saved, thrifty fellow, from a parcel which had recently been sent to him, and when the police fished the brick out of the shattered window they had only to unwrap the paper to read their man's name and address.

More recently, there was a gentleman who marched into a bank, grimly masked, and demanded money in a threatening tone, saying that unless it was forthcoming he would shoot dead the hapless bank employee before him. A moment after he spoke, however, he realized that he had left his gun behind; shortly afterwards, his collar, too, was fingered.

We did not suppose that we would ever hear of a lawbreaker more inept than these; not long ago, however, their record was broken. The new not-quite-Napoleon of crime was arrested for trying to break into a parked car. Nothing new about that, you may say. Possibly; but in this case there were two elements that gave an altogether original tinge to the usual circumstances. In the first place, it was a police car. In the second place, there were two policemen sitting in it at the time. (He said that the windows were misted up. Well, he would, wouldn't he?)

We have always maintained that what matters is trying, not succeeding. It is good to come first in the race; but if we have done our very best it is no shame to be beaten by a faster runner. Even if, in the course of the race, we fall over, well, an accident can happen to anybody.

But there are, we feel, limits, and trying to break into a car with two policemen in it is decidedly beyond those limits. It seems plain to us that the unfortunate car-breaker has mistaken his vocation; on the other hand, it is difficult to think of a profession he could follow with serious hopes of advancement.

He could go into politics, of course, where such behaviour is commonplace, but the competition is understandably fierce. If the man who tears the buttons off our shirts at the laundry should decide to retire, there would be an opening there, but — we speak with some feeling — he seems to be set fair for another half-century. (No, no, you shall not tempt us to say he should try the Bar; it would be a wholly unwarranted slur on a fine body of men and women.)

Presumably, the question will not arise for some time. But when it does, if any reader wants plates dropped, toast burnt or carpets laid the wrong way up, we have just the man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefit of doubt for Gorbachov

From Professor J. Rotblat

Sir, Mr Gorbachov's recent proposal about intermediate-range nuclear missiles (report, March 2) has been interpreted in various ways. Mrs Thatcher believes that it was the firm stand by the West that made him more amenable to negotiations. Others see it as an expression of Mr Gorbachov's sincere desire to start the process of halting and reversing the arms race, and — in line with his "new way of thinking" — not to stick to rigid formulae.

The former interpretation is a supposition without real evidence to support it, whereas there are indications of the validity of the latter. A new approach to the nuclear problem is only one of many radical changes Mr Gorbachov has introduced into the Soviet Union and which have already transformed many aspects of life there.

Those who have met him are generally impressed by his clear thinking unencumbered by dogma, and by his willingness to listen. Some of us who participated in the recent Moscow forum of scientists pointed out the desirability of unravelling the Reykjavik package, and I would not be surprised if this advice did influence him.

Appreciation of motives matters because it may have a crucial effect on the course of the negotiations. If one starts from the premise that only a hard line would bring Mr Gorbachov to heel, there will be a tendency to cling rigidly to one's demands and not give an inch. This entails the danger of making his situation impossible *vis-à-vis* Soviet hawks. This may well have happened in the case of the test moratorium, when he finally had to give in to internal pressure, in the face of continuing nuclear weapon testing by the United States.

On the other hand, if one is prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt and show some flexibility, there is a chance of reaching a worthwhile agreement.

After years of arms control negotiations, which became bogged down in endless arguments over numbers and minutiae and have not produced any mutually agreed arms reduction, we are presented with an opportunity for a real breakthrough.

On the agenda now is not a small change in nuclear arsenals but their complete elimination. Mrs Thatcher apparently dismisses this as utopian, and in a conversation with me Mr Gorbachov expressed concern about this attitude. But unless an ultimate goal is set we shall again be arguing about small steps instead of making big strides.

In this respect too the importance of the recent changes needs to be emphasized. When nuclear disarmament was discussed in the early sixties the verification issue was an insurmountable barrier because of the Soviet refusal of on-site inspections. This obstacle has now been largely removed.

With modern methods of surveillance — and with the even greater possibilities for verification which would open up if scientists put a big effort into this — together with the improved political climate which would follow from the reduction of arsenals, nuclear disarmament down to very low levels becomes quite feasible.

The time is now ripe for real progress towards ending the nuclear nightmare. It is essential not to miss this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
J. ROTBLAT,
8 Asmara Road, NW2.
March 4.

A soldier's farewell

From Mr Oliver Warman

Sir, I have seen Lord Morpeth's letter (March 5) and am sad that the Army is to lose a Balliol man.

His comments are accurate, but his strictures over-harsh. Of course there must be a budget for training and it is a truism to state that a budget is never enough. But let us be more constructive: an increased budget must be funded from savings made elsewhere.

Elsewhere, I propose, is the vast administrative tail at the Ministry of Defence and HQ BAOR. It is a sad fact of life that a "careers to 50 policy" has overburdened the administrative tail and overfilled the command structure to so great an extent that papers and yet more papers have to be produced to justify and self-perpetuate a seat at a desk in Whitehall or Rheindahlen.

The "salami slicing" mentioned by Lord Morpeth starts at these desks: may I suggest, Sir, that the slicers are sliced themselves, that the officers on gardening leave are discharged and that the moneys saved are used to fund and increase the budget for training and, perhaps, save yet another famous regiment from disbandment and extinction.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
OLIVER WARMAN,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
March 5.

Political differences

From Lord Peyton of Yeovil

Sir, Professor Anthony Field, whose letter you published today (March 3), says that he, like an increasing number of voters with respectable and civilised aims in life, has "no time for the professional politicians". May I, as one of that much disliked breed who spent many years in the House of Commons, venture two comments.

First, I have been constantly surprised by the degree to which politicians attract at the same time both high expectations and low opinions.

Secondly, the House of Commons, which is their principal meeting place, has long seemed to me a very accurate reflection of our country.

I recognise that this last thought is not one which Professor Field and those who share his views will find acceptable or comforting.

Yours faithfully,
PEYTON of YEOVIL.
House of Lords.

Clerical titles

From Canon A. F. Auckland

Sir, I note (March 3) that a late friend, Archdeacon Bernard Pawley, was recognised by a correspondent as The Vulnerable. I think I prefer that (and my wife certainly does!) to the form by which a children's charity regularly addresses us — anon & Mrs A. F. Auckland.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN AUCKLAND.
Jane's Cottage,
Woodchurch,
Ashford, Kent.

Classroom contract

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, Your leading article's analysis (March 3) of the National Union of Teachers' motivation in the pay campaign is armchair punditry of the most fanciful kind.

Neither the NUT, nor the other teacher unions which signed the Acas deal, were looking for a socialist solution. We negotiated a settlement which combined justice for the teaching profession with measures to improve the quality of the education service.

Had Kenneth Baker accepted and funded the deal he would doubtless have received much of the credit for solving the dispute. Would *The Times* then have described us as "Conservative-leaning"?

The agreement negotiated at Acas included provisions specifically designed to boost school standards: maximum class sizes, teaching support time and proper supply-cover arrangements. These elements — vital corollaries to the list of duties for teachers — have been rejected out of hand by Kenneth Baker.

If anyone is ignoring the needs of children it is Kenneth Baker.

In the final analysis, this imposed package will stand or fall by its success at recruiting and retaining teachers. Judging by teachers' responses so far, the package will certainly fail to address this overriding problem.

Yours faithfully,
FRED JARVIS,
General Secretary,
National Union of Teachers,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.

Fields for scope

From Mr George Scales

Sir, There are many who may sympathise with Mr Curtis after reading his letter (February 28) about the farmers' woes in the backbreaking days of muscle power. As a retired farmworker, I take a more cynical view.

To Mr Curtis's joyful claim, "... that the modern farmer is no longer a beast of burden", I would reply that the farmer never was a brother to the ox. What's more, he had scant concern for those of us who were.

In all my experience on the land I can truthfully say I never saw a farmer, an employer of labour, humping 16-stone sacks of corn up the granary steps himself. Generally speaking, it was he who ridiculed the idea of using a hoist and accused his men of slacking if they didn't mount the steps two at a time.

As for the "feeling of impending doom" which Mr Curtis associated with chopping out and singling beet, I must say that never in all my time did I ever cross hoes with a farmer in a beet field. In the main, his role was to explode upon a team of hoers late in the afternoon when their energies were flagging, take a hoe from one of them and hack away like someone possessed — half-doing the job — for a yard or two up a row, then hand the hoe back, exclaiming: "That's the way to do it. Put a little more ginger in it, my lad. If you won't, I know plenty of Irishmen who will."

Good luck to the green-wellie brigade, I welcome them. Farmers have had their own way far too long. It's time someone came along and put them in their place. They have always proved to be too much of a handful for us.

Yours truly,
GEORGE SCALES.
1 High Pastures,
Sheering,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Mr H. John Moseley

Sir, I note with interest the letter from Mr G. Curtis. Some of what he said is true, for I was a farm pupil in those days and expected to carry my full share of 2cwt (101.8 kg) railway sacks of wheat. However, we welcomed beet and mangold hoeing, since it meant that the winter of standing knee-deep in water cutting hedges or cleaning ditches was over.

If actors are to be paid as ornaments in our Potemkin villages they will be paid by farmers, at a slightly lower rate than the appropriate subsidy will bring in.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MOSELEY,
Croft House,
26 Bushmead Avenue,
Bedford.

Euphemisms for a riper old age

From Professor Raymond Levy

Sir, I was abroad during the appearance of Mr Bowell's plea (February 21) for a reappraisal of the term "elderly", but I am unable to agree with Joyce Allingham's implied suggestion (March 2) that we should only begin to adopt the term "old" or "elderly" very much later than at 60 or 65. As someone aged 53 who is involved in the study and care of the elderly I do not find the prospect of having these adjectives attached to me at all worrying or threatening.

Furthermore there are practical reasons for using the age of retirement as the "cut-off point" at which these terms are used. Important psychological problems often arise with impending retirement and after its occurrence. These have to be identified and studied by various social, medical and academic bodies. The abandonment of the terms "old" and "elderly" would make this more difficult.

Having accepted this fate perhaps we should adopt the French euphemism *troisième âge* and *quatrième âge* to subdivide the "young-old" from the "old-old". The term third age has been used in Britain, e.g., in connection with the University of the Third Age which, I believe, is a francophonic import.

Are there any takers for the "fourth age" to keep Miss Allingham happy?

Yours etc,
RAYMOND LEVY,
Institute of Psychiatry,
De Crespigny Park,
Denmark Hill, SE5.
March 2.

From Mr Frank Stacey

Sir, In our local club for retired gentlemen we refer — if perhaps to deceive ourselves — to the 60-year-olds as young, to the 70-year-olds as middle-aged, and to the 80-year-olds as distinguished.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK STACEY,
Highfield,
47 Marlborough Crescent,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
March 2.

From Mrs Barbara Tanner

Sir, When I reached my 50th birthday my daughter addressed me by letter and telephone as "Aged Mum". What will her term of endearment be for me in 20 years' time I wonder?

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA TANNER,
4 Parkside,
Eastbury Road,
Oxhey,
Watford,
Hertfordshire.
March 2.

From Mr S. R. Woods

Sir, If according to the Psalmist a man is old at 70 (letter, March 2), what am I at 85? In the springtime of my senility?

Yours faithfully,
S. R. WOODS,
1 Hope Street,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire.
March 2.

From Miss Mary Lamb

Sir, Whenever I detect "over-sixties" stereotyping creeping into a conversation I suggest that such comments be relayed to Buckingham Palace and Number Ten. As a result the nonsense stops.

Yours faithfully,
MARY LAMB,
41 Degema Road,
Chislehurst,
Kent.
March 2.

R & D shortfall

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, Mr Alan Smith (February 28) urges us to clear our minds of cant and to improve the country's prospects by matching our supplies with the world's demands.

Is not the latter advice glib, easier given than taken, and therefore as cant as cant can be? First, the world cannot be supplied by what "it" wants because world wide, wants vary. Secondly, wants are generally not essentials; they are created.

No investigation could, prior to its existence, have established the demand, say, for Coca-Cola. Therefore the dynamic market research advocated by Mr Smith, no matter what its speed and professed accuracy, can only amount to, at best, a gathering of subjectively selected twiglets, a pedantic survey, no more dynamic than a post mortem.

The necessary dynamics to his dry research must be the heroic leap to uncharted ground which can fascinate the imagination and then establish the conviction in large numbers that the new product or service, the faster car, the face lift, or whatever, is an essential to well-being. This leap, being risky, is out of bounds to most directors responsible to shareholders.

Therefore false economic advisers, planners and politicians offer the seductive slogan: Survey — Analysis — Plan, suggesting that there is demonstrably a safe path to guaranteed success, when in truth success can be earned, if at all, not by agents or by governments on our behalf, but only by our willingness to put our selves, our energies, capital, convictions and reputations at risk! That is being creative: that and nothing less is essential to our economic growth.

Yours faithfully,
LUCAS MELLINGER,
4 Kew Green,
Richmond,
Surrey.
February 28.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 7 1857

E. B. Denison, who gave the lecture below to the Royal Institution, succeeded his father in the Beckett baronetcy in 1874. A controversial figure, he also took silk, became Chancellor and Vicar-General of York and was created Baron Grimthorpe in 1886. Big Ben, which was installed in 1859, was named after Sir Benjamin Hall, first Commissioner of Works.

"BIG BEN OF WESTMINSTER"

Yesterday evening Mr. E. B. Denison delivered a lecture at the theatre of the Royal Institution on the qualities and capabilities of bells in general, and that of Big Ben in particular . . . After a brief preface, in which he remarked that he was not going to give them a history of bells, with which they were very likely quite as well acquainted as himself, nor to enter into the question of the musical tone of bells, for he was no musician, he went on to say that with regard to the latter point most people seemed more surprised at his having made the Westminster bell the tone he wanted than at a bell of such a size being made at all. His having got the tone E was, however, most easily accounted for. For instance, if a bell was made of 30 inches diameter, and it had a certain tone, every bellfounder knew at once that a bell of 60 inches would be a tone lower, so that it was perfectly easy and certain when they had one bell to know what the tone of another so much smaller or larger would be, provided the shape and relative thickness of both were alike. The big bell was originally intended to have been E flat, its weight 14 tons, and its thickness 9 inches; but by some accident its weight was raised to 16 tons, and its thickness to 9 inches ⅜ths, which raised the note from E flat to E. When the bell was first thought of Professor Wheatstone, Mr. Taylor, and himself were selected to say what kind of bell was to be made; and though at first sight that question might appear an easy one to solve, it was, in truth, most difficult. The bellfounders of England, from one cause or another, were not willing to undertake the task, unless they were furnished with a design and full instructions as to what it was to be, and that was the difficulty which at last led him to become its designer. After referring to the popular prejudice which existed in favour of the sonorous tones produced by bells of hemispherical shape, but which he showed were poor, meagre, and deficient in tone when heard at a little distance, Mr. Denison said that his two colleagues and himself at last came to the unanimous conclusion that nearly all the bells of modern fabric were failures and that to imitate them would be to do wrong wilfully . . . Great Tom of Oxford Mr. Denison characterized as one of the worst bells in existence, while the great bell of Exeter was a decent bell — if it only had a decent clapper. (Laughter.) There was one bell in the world that was almost perfectly similar to the Westminster bell, and that was the great bell of Moscow. That was a most favourable coincidence, for a bell of such a size as that at Moscow would never have been cast by a nation so well acquainted with the principles of bell-making if it had not been perfectly correct in form . . . As to the composition of bells, said Mr. Denison (striking bells of the different metals as he proceeded, in illustration of his remarks), those made of steel gave a hard sound; with a mixture of iron and antimony the sound was better. Iron and tin was better than antimony; one of phosphorus and copper made an average good tone. A mixture of aluminium and copper was a failure; but the best of all was the common bell of copper and tin. Many people believed that a bell of pure silver would have a fine tone . . . The great bell of Rouen was called a silver bell, but when melted and part analysed it was found to contain no trace of silver whatever, though it had an extra quantity of tin. (Laughter.) In fact, silver was never used in the composition of any bell that he had known or heard of. The mixture was copper and tin, the general proportion being four of copper to one of tin; and, though that was not quite treating tin fairly, bellfounders liked the mixture for the bell was softer and easier to tone . . . The composition used in the Westminster bell was 22 of copper to 7 of tin, or copper 75.86, tin 24.14, which was about the very best proportion in which they could be used for bells. Its extraordinary specific gravity was another proof of the goodness of the composition. The specific gravity of York bell was 8.76, of Lincoln 8.78, and the highest figure allowed by the alloys of copper and tin alone was 8.87 . . .

Nil return

From Dr Rex Gibson

Sir, I understand clearing bank profits to be flourishing. I'm not surprised. An American subscriber to our newsletter sent a dollar cheque for his subscription (UK rate £5 pa). Here's a letter I've just received from the building society where we keep our account:

I am writing to advise you that your cheque for 15 dollars has been returned to ourselves by Barclays Bank. The reason given was that after the cheque had been negotiated into Sterling and their commission taken from that sum, it was going to work out that you would not receive anything back at all.

Heigh ho.

Yours faithfully,
REX GIBSON, Editor,
Shakespeare and Schools Newsletter,
Cambridge Institute of Education,
Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 6: The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Coventry Station in the Royal Train this morning and subsequently visited Jaguar Cars Ltd (Chairman, Sir John Egan) at Browns Lane, Allesley, Coventry.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh (Patron of the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases) was represented by Sir William Downward (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester) at the Memorial Service for Sir Harry Platt, BL which was held in Manchester Cathedral this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE

March 6: The Prince of Wales, President, the Royal Jubilee and Prince's Trusts, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this morning visited training by The Prince of Wales Community Venturers in Birmingham.

Afterwards, The Prince of Wales visited The Prince of Wales Community Venture Headquarters, 182 Soho Hill, Handsworth.

The Princess of Wales visited the West Midlands Police Drug Squad, Bournville Lane, Bournville, Birmingham.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, this afternoon visited the Museum and opened the Wrought Ironworks at the Ironbridge Gorge, Telford, Shropshire.

Their Royal Highnesses, attended by Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, will visit Bermuda from 27-30 April.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Robert Atkinson, 71; Sir Kingsley Collett, 81; Mr J.O. Hambro, 68; Sir Anthony Lambert, 76; Mr Justice Latey, 73; Mr Ivan Lendl, 27; Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, 66; Mr Eduardo Paolozzi, 63; Professor Sir David Phillips, 63; Mr Piers Paul Read, 46; Mr Viv Richards, 35; the Earl of Snowdon, 57; Mr Martin Tickner, 46; Sir Ranulph Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, 43; Dame Margaret Weston, 61.

TOMORROW: Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith, 87; Mr David Austick, 67; Sir John Badenoch, 67; Mr Gyles Brandreth, 39; Sir Julian Bullard, 59; Mr Anthony Caro, 63; Sir James Comyn, 66; Mr Phil Edmonds, 36; Mr Michael Grade, 44; the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, 57; Mr Michael Inchbald, 67; Miss Ann Jenner, 43; Sir Geoffrey Meade, 85; Miss Lynn Redgrave, 44; Miss Lynn Seymour, 48; Sir Christopher Summerhayes, 91; Mr Robert Tear, 48; Mr J.S. Tomkinson, 71.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Anne, Patron of the All England Women's Lacrosse Association, attends a match against Scotland to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the association at Queen's Park Rangers Football Club, Rangers Stadium, South Africa Road, W12, at 2.10.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Joseph Niepce, pioneer of photography, Chalon-sur-Saone, 1765; Alessandro Manzoni, poet and novelist, Milan, 1785; Sir John Herschel, astronomer, Slough, Buckinghamshire, 1792; Sir Edwin Landseer, London, 1802; Thomas Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia 1918-35, Hodonin, 1850; Piet Mondrian, abstract painter, Amersfoort, The Netherlands, 1872; Maurice Ravel, Ciboure, France, 1875.

DEATHS: Jean-Pierre Blanchard, balloonist, who made first aerial crossing of the Channel, Paris, 1809; Aristide Briand, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1926, Paris, 1932; Percy Wyndham Lewis, writer and artist, founder of Vorticism, London, 1957.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, composer, Weimar, Germany, 1714; Kenneth Grahame, author of *Wind in the Willows*, Edinburgh, 1859; Otto Hahn, pioneer of nuclear fission, Nobel laureate 1944, Frankfurt am Main, 1879.

DEATHS: William III, reigned with Mary 1689-94, then alone to 1702, London, 1702; Abraham Darby, ironfounder, Worcester, 1717; Sir William Chambers, architect (Somerset House), London, 1796; Hector Berlioz, composer, Paris, 1869.

United States Marines land in South Vietnam, 1965.

Reception

Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers

Mr Brian Goswell, President of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, gave a reception at 3 Cadogan Gate yesterday in honour of Mr Clifford Tippett.

St Anne's College Oxford

Former members who will be voting in the election for the Chancellor on Saturday, March 14 are invited to luncheon in college. Please notify the College Secretary before March 12.

Nuffield College Oxford

Any Nuffield member of Convocation who intends to vote in the election for a Chancellor on March 14 is invited to a buffet luncheon in college, 1-1.30 pm. No booking needed.

St Catherine's College, Oxford

Alumni of St Catherine's who intend to vote in the election for the Chancellorship on Saturday, March 14, are invited to a buffet luncheon in college at 1 pm. Please notify Alumni Secretary (0865 249541) by March 11.

Worcester College Oxford

Any MA visiting to vote in the election for the Chancellorship on March 14 is invited to a buffet luncheon in Hall at 1 pm. Please advise the Bursar by March 11. Telephone: 0865 278335.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr John Beastall to be Treasury Officer of Accounts, in succession to Mr Clifford Judd, who is to retire in June.

Mr Paias Wingti, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, to be a Privy Councillor.

Air Vice-Marshal A. Beill to be appeals secretary, King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, in March, in succession to Rear Admiral C.A.W. Weston, who is retiring.

Mrs Susan Cole to be deputy head of Westonbirt School, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Latest wills

Sir Gerald Glover, of Pytchley, Northamptonshire, prominent City solicitor, property developer and racehorse owner, left estate valued at £3,782,748 net.

Mrs Nora Corrin, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,237,096.

Harrow School

Scholarships 1987

Academic scholarships:
Head Master's: A.N. White, The Banda School, Nairobi; N.D. Thaker, The Mall School, Twickenham; S. Khemka, Caldicott; Peter Lee: C.R.W. Townsend, Cranleigh Prep.
C.C. Wilson: S.J. Duggan, Old Buckenham Hall; M.C. Raynham, Downsend.
Clifford Smith: G.N.A. Helpern, Lockers Park.
Eugene Cremetti: J.H. Richardson, Caldicott.
Toby Green: H.A. Richardson, St Piran's

Academic Exhibitions:
Nivison: M.R. Al-Qaisi, Handcross Park.
Lady Tyrell Giles: M.W.L. Poon, Scaitcliffe.
Stanhope: M.R. Smith, Milbourne Lodge.
Shepherd Churchill: G.T.R. Crawford, Milbourne Lodge.
Brisco Owen: G.R.O. Jones, Packwood Haugh.
Simmonds Computer Scholarship: A.B. Webb, Prebendal, Cheshire.

Music Scholarships:
Head Master's: B.W. Peck, Orley Farm.
L.C. Wilson: S.B. Hathaway, Hill House.

Domus Music Exhibitions:
S.A. Hamilton: St George's, Windsor; J.E.A. Hughes: St John's, Cambridge.
Art Exhibition: T.L.S. Hinxman, Windlesham House.

Mr David Faull has been appointed Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Law Association.

David Samuel

The unjustified case for church unity

The Reformation controversy about justification, the recent statement from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission tells us, was in fact an unfortunate misunderstanding, a dispute about words. Protestants, following the New Testament usage of the Green verb *dikaioun*, understood it to mean 'to pronounce righteous' not 'to make righteous'. Roman Catholics, following the tradition of the church in which the Latin term *justificare* was used, took it to mean 'to make righteous'.

Nowadays, however, because of the supposed new insight that God's word not only declares the believer righteous, but also makes him righteous in himself, we are told that there is no need to exlude either view. There is room for both the biblical and the traditional understanding. The dispute is settled. But is it really as simple as that?

The biblical teaching is not difficult to establish. Since the Reformation it has been generally agreed by scholars that *the Reformers were right; in the New* Testament 'to justify' has a legal sense. Wherever it is used with reference to our acceptance with God, it means to declare a person just, as in a court of law; it does not mean 'to make just'. God justifies us freely by his grace (Romans 3:24); therefore justification has nothing to do with goodness on our part or with our moral and spiritual condition.

God is said to justify (declare righteous) the *ungodly* (Romans 4:5). The ground on which he does this is clearly not the sinner's righteousness, but that righteousness which God himself has revealed and provided in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:21, 22). By faith the believer is 'in Christ' and Christ's righteousness is reckoned to him (Romans 4:6-8). All this is quite separate from and independent of the inward renewal or moral and spiritual condition of the believer.

This teaching the Reformers, and others since, have jealously guarded against every attempt to include within it the idea that justification rests in some way upon an inward change in the individual, in particular, the Roman Catholic view that justification is an *inward change brought about by baptism* and maintained by the other sacraments, notably the eucharist and penance.

To be sure, the person who trusts in Christ is changed and inwardly renewed by grace, otherwise he would not have faith in Christ; but his justification must never be confused with that inward *change or anything in himself, as its* ground or reason. The biblical doctrine of justification is *logically* distinct from such teaching.

But there was also a pastoral reason why the Reformers sought to safeguard this understanding of justification: the biblical teaching, which they had rediscovered, was the answer to their heartfelt cry 'How can I, a sinner, be right with God?' Their controversy with Rome was no academic dispute. The law of God, his wrath and condemnation of sin were for them not just *speculative notions but terrible realities*; as they must be for all who discover the real nature of sin.

In that spiritual crisis, there is no real refuge but Christ's righteousness, and if the gaze of the believer is averted from Christ for a moment, like Peter on the sea, he begins to sink. Justification (as distinct from sanctification, the process *of growing in grace*) always rests upon Christ alone, thank God!, and never upon anything we are, have done or might do; for even works done by grace are imperfect.

It is precisely at this point that the ARCIC statement seeks to break in upon this doctrine of justification in order to make room to include within it the concept of inward change, making that also the ground for justification. Justification will then be regarded as resting not only upon the righteousness of Christ imputed to the believer, but also upon his own inner change and transformation of his nature. That is exactly how the statement expresses it: "God's declaration that we are accepted because of Christ *together with* his gift of continued renewal by the indwelling Spirit... is the ground of the believer's hope" (para 16). This is not biblical.

The authors of the statement, following Hans Küng, attempt to justify their departure from this norm by asserting that the divine word is a creative word and effects what it declares (para 15). *But none of this really helps their case.* That God's word is a creative word is of course true but it is not relevant or applicable here.

A moment's reflection will make this clear. If God's word must always, regardless of the context in which it is used, be understood to effect what it declares, then when God declares a sentence of condemnation he actually makes the individual unrighteous and not merely pronounces him to be so, which is nonsense. The model has been violated; the argument proves too much. *We must discern the context and* rightly distinguish things that differ, and respect the logic and coherence of scripture.

I am, therefore, compelled to conclude that the purpose of this statement is not to establish what is the true biblical doctrine of justification, but rather to try to harmonize two mutually exclusive and contradictory doctrines of justification, the Roman Catholic and Biblical (or Protestant). It is merely a formula for effecting an institutional merger between the Church of Rome and the Anglican Communion, and accordingly devalues doctrine.

David Samuel is Director of the Church Society.

Memorial services

Sir Harry Platt

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir William Downward, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, at a memorial service for Sir Harry Platt held yesterday in Manchester Cathedral. The Dean of Manchester and the Bishop of Manchester officiated. The introduction was given by Professor I.E. Gillespie. Professor W.J.W. Sharrard read the lesson and Mr A.H.C. Ratliff gave an address. The Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University was represented by Mr D.K. Redford and the Chairman of the North West Regional Health Authority by Mr R.E. Hodd. The Chairman of Manchester City Council attended.

Mary Countess of Bradford

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mary Countess of Bradford held on Thursday at St Michael's, Chester Square. The Rev David Prior officiated and Prebendary Francis Palmer led the prayers. The Earl of Bradford, son, read the lesson and Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, gave an address. Others present included:

The Hon Charles and Mrs Bridgeman (son and daughter-in-law), the Countess of Bradford (daughter-in-law), Mr Richard and Lady Teresa Andrews and Mr Brian and Lady Caroline Gerrell (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr James Andrew (stepgrandson), Mrs Brian Crichton (sister), Lady Anne Cowdray (sister-in-law), Viscount and Viscountess Bridgeman, Mrs Anthony Wall, Mr Gerald Bridgeman, Mr Orlando Bridgeman, Mr Patrick Andrew, Mr and Mrs Nigel Heap, Mr and Mrs H Garnett, Mr and Mrs B Miller, Mr and the Hon Mrs Jeremy Bullitt, the Hon Mrs Stanley, Mr David Zambra, Mr and Mrs S Benton-Stancy, Mrs Peter Afia.

Dowager Lady Mountgrange, Lord Aberdare, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, the Hon Mrs Foster, the Hon Mrs David Douglas-Home, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Sir Brooke and Lady Boothby, Dame Lady Lee, Sir Dudley Forwood, Sir Peter Forbes, Sir Matthew Farrer, Miss Sybil Beverford-Petrie (Nordhoff Robbins Music Therapy Centre, Kentish Town) with Miss Nancy Jarrat and Mr Isidore Cameron-Miller, Mr David Weston (representing those who live and work at Weston Park), Mr Roger Copley (National Westminster Bank), Mr Timothy Lawson (Bidwells), Prince and Princess George Galitzine, Miss Dorothy Meynell, Mrs Leopold Lassalle, Mrs Patrick Cormack, Major and Mrs Adrian Hadden-Paton, Miss A Chandos-Pole, Mrs Jean Dearsley, Mr William Wynn-Williams, Mr and Mrs Patrick Bowring, Mr William Mostyn-Owen and Mr Charls Delevingne.

Sir Geoffrey Todd

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Geoffrey Todd was held yesterday in the Chapel of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Canon Edward Montague Youens officiated. Dr W.I. Gordon, Consultant Pathologist at King Edward VII Hospital, read the lesson and Dr Neville Oswald, emeritus consultant in general medicine, gave an address. Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, Vice-President and Chairman of King Edward VII Hospital, unveiled a plaque dedicated to Sir Geoffrey's memory by the Bishop of Horsham.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain A.M. Abraham and Miss S.I. Clausen
The engagement is announced between Alan Abraham, 9th/12th Lancers (Prince of Wales's), son of Major-General and Mrs S.M. Abraham, of Mangerton House, Bridport, Dorset, and Sabine, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Clausen, of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Mr N.J.S. Abram and Miss T.D. Unsworth
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Abram, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, and Tonya, elder daughter of Mrs Jean C. Unsworth and of Mr Norman W. Unsworth, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr J.H.G. Allen and Miss M. Mayntz-Clausen
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M.R.H. Allen, of Loch House, Colvend, By Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbright, and Marianne, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Mayntz-Clausen, of Fredensborg, Denmark.

Mr J.B. Child and Miss V.R. MacKellar
The engagement is announced between John Bonus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Child, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Virginia Russell, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James MacKellar, of Seal Chart, Kent.

Mr S.C. Elford and Miss C. Connell
The engagement is announced between Simon Craig, only son of Mr W.J.D. Elford and the late Mrs P.J. Elford, of Coventry, and Claire, elder daughter of Mrs M.L. Connell and the late Mr P. Connell, of Steyning, West Sussex.

Mr T.M. Fleming and Miss J.M. Ryan
The engagement is announced between Terence, youngest son of Mrs F.M. Fleming and the late Dr H.D. Fleming, of Overton House, West Monkton, Taunton, and Michelle, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.J. Ryan, Bilsdale Priory, Chop Gate, North Yorkshire.

Dr S.D.R. Johnston and Miss A.C. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Professor and Mrs I.D.A. Johnston, of Darrass Hall, Ponteland, and Anne Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.D. Edwards, of Dore, Sheffield.

Mr R.J-M.H. Jeffries and Miss C.M. Chadder
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Professor D.J. Jeffries, OBE, and Mrs Jeffries, of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.V.J. Chadder, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr M.P. Jarvis and Miss J.L. Shearman
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mrs R.W. Terry, of Camberley, Surrey, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Shearman, of South Walsham, Norfolk.

Mr M.H. Lawrence and Miss K.M.L. Chessun
The engagement is announced between Mark Henry, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.H. Lawrence, of Vancouver, Canada, and Kathryn Maria Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.F. Chessun, of Lucas Green, Surrey.

Mr D.J.A. Lyons and Miss C.M. MacKean
The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L.A. Lyons, of Levington, Ipswich, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.N. MacKean, of Winchester.

Mr S.J. McCulloch and Miss L.J. Hogben
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr James McCulloch and Mrs Gillian Brocklehurst, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Lysandra, only daughter of Roy and Anita Hogben, of Chiswick.

Mr M.J. Ovey and Miss H.E. Jefferyes
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Ovey, of Southampton, and Heather, daughter of the late Mr E.H. Jefferyes and of Mrs E. Jefferyes, of Belstead, Suffolk.

Major R.B. Peregrine, REME, and Miss P.A.J. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr J.P.J. Peregrine and Mrs Peregrine, of Durban, Natal, and Penelope, younger daughter of the late Mr J.H.L. Ferguson, FRCS, and the late Mrs Ferguson.

Mr B. Rabinowitz and Miss F. Morris
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs David Rabinowitz, of Manchester, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Morris, of London, NW11.

Mr T.O. Raw-Rees and Miss H.F. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Thomas Owain, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tom Raw-Rees, of Brynbwl, Borth, Ceredigion, and Helen Frances, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Forbes Robinson, of Ealing, London.

Mr P.B. Shadbolt and Miss S. North
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr B.C.F. Shadbolt, of Docking Road, Sedgeford, Norfolk, and Mrs P.J. Shadbolt, of Dynevor Gardens, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Sian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H. North, of Ambleside, Epping, Essex.

Dr D.K. Smylie and Miss N.C. Yates
The engagement is announced between David Kendrick, youngest son of Dr and Mrs H.G. Smylie, of Birken Lodge, Bieldside, Aberdeen, and Nicola Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Russell Yates, of Pennymead, East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr M.P. Somerfield and Miss A. Bernstein
The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of the late Mr J.L. Somerfield and of Mrs Somerfield, of Rhos, North Wales, and Adrienne, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs J.M. Bernstein, of Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Dr J-P. Van Besouw and Dr L.M. Field
The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Van Besouw, of Leicester, and Liliane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Field, of Wimbledon.

Marriages

Mr C.N.H. Foster and Miss M.E. Hommert
The marriage took place in London, on Saturday, February 28, between Mr Nigel Foster, younger son of Dr and Mrs Robert Foster, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Miss Mary Hommert, elder daughter of Commander John Hommert, RN, and Mrs Hommert, of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.

Dr E. Holt and Mrs F.C. Fletcher
The marriage took place in Suffolk, on February 28, between Mr Edward Holt, only son of the late Mr Jeremy Holt and of Mrs Richard Cobbold, and Mrs Fenella Catherine Fletcher, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Foord.



Science report

Putting therapy on tap in salons and saloons

By Peter Brock

When people move to centre stage in a non-threatening social setting, when buying the undivided attention of a publican or hairdresser for example, they often derive noticeable psychological benefit. In fact, many would prefer to discuss their personal problems, particularly causes of stress, in the public house or salon rather than in a clinical setting.

Dr Derek Milne, a regional tutor of clinical psychology based in Northumberland, has been using orthodox empirical methods in order to "give away psychology" as he puts it, and to avoid the problems of "professional preciousness" — the "myth" that all psychological problems should be dealt with by psychologists.

Dr Milne took eight mainly teenaged apprentice hairdressers — "an acknowledged source of social support" — and trained them to provide more structured social help for their customers. Seven of their colleagues who received no training became controls in the experiment.

The hairdressers had an educational background of CSEs and the occasional O-level. At each stage of the training, their understanding of (and proficiency with) the material was checked by questionnaire and independent judges.

Tests before and after the *training* revealed that the hairdressers' understanding of social support improved and their customers gave them higher ratings for helpfulness than they gave to their untrained colleagues.

As Dr Milne explained to *The Times*, this was only a *pilot study*.

But the experiment did suggest, he said, that psychologists could provide an inexpensive and effective way of helping people by "operating through old social support systems."

The experiment also provided a link between formal and informal services. When a hairdresser was told about the temper tantrums of a customer's child, or heard expressions of near-suicidal depression, he or she was able to say: "I understand your problem. I can't help you but I known who can."

Source: *British Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 26,69.

OBITUARY

VISCOUNT BROOKEBOROUGH

A reforming Ulster Unionist



Viscount Brookeborough, PC, second viscount, died on March 5, after a short illness. He was 64.

He was a Northern Irish politician who devoted himself unswervingly to the cause of preserving the Union with Great Britain; but who, particularly in his later years, strongly held the conviction that this could only be achieved by policies of reconciliation towards the Roman Catholic minority and by reasonable co-operation with the Irish Republic.

John Warden Brooke was born on 9th November 1922. He was the second son of the famous Lord Brookeborough, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland for 20 years between the wars and the embodiment of the indomitable will of the Unionist population in Ulster to remain within the Kingdom.

John Brooke was educated at Eton and joined the 10th Royal Hussars in 1941. He had a distinguished war record, and after being wounded in Italy, became successively ADC to Field Marshal Alexander, General Sir Brian Robertson, and to Lord Wavell when he was Viceroy of India.

His two brothers having been killed in action, it fell to him to assist his father in the increasingly difficult task of maintaining the family estate and to carry on the family's political tradition.

In politics, he was naturally dubbed from the start as a hard line Unionist and was a particular butt of opposition from the civil rights movement when, after the war, he was a district councillor in Fermanagh. He took over his father's seat, Lisnaskea, in the Stormont Parliament in 1968.

He held a number of posts in the Stormont Government, in particular, that of head of the Northern Ireland information service from 1970.

"Captain John" (as he was affectionately known) now became increasingly disposed to favour the cause of reform, though always within the bounds of strict allegiance to the Union. He quarrelled with his own constituency and moved to North Down where a gentler political climate prevailed.

He represented that seat in the Assembly set up in 1973 and in the subsequent Convention, established to explore the possibilities of drafting a new constitution.

Though he had in the past opposed O'Neill's reformist policies (mainly on the ground that they were insensitively conducted), he put himself behind Brian Faulkner's attempts at power-sharing.

He succeeded to his father's peerage in 1973 and his political activity in his last years was largely confined to the House of Lords where he took the Tory whip and spoke eloquently on Northern Irish affairs.

Apart from politics, his chief love was horses and in 1955 he became the first Ulsterman chosen to join the Olympic squad for training with the British equestrian team.

Brookeborough made many enemies in Ulster on both Right and Left by the uncompromising vigour with which he defended his strong but moderate position. He was a loquacious man with an earthy sense of humour, and his close friends found him to be a highly entertaining companion.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, whom he married in 1949, and by two sons and three daughters.

MR WILLIAM MITCHELL

Mr William Mitchell, MBE, who died on March 3, aged 75, devoted his life to the service of English values and traditions.

Educated at Eton he became a member, before the war, of the team at Shell Mex and BP which pioneered a memorably effective marketing programme. Mitchell brought together artists like John Piper, Paul Nash, Graham Sutherland and Rex Whistler to design advertisements which are still regarded as models of their kind.

During the war, he served in the RASC and was captured at Singapore. He spent four years as a prisoner of the Japanese. He was in solitary confinement for nearly a year, but in 1946 his gallant and distinguished services while a prisoner of war were recognised by his appointment as MBE.

He subsequently became marketing director of the British Egg Marketing Board, a post he held throughout its seven-year existence. Under him it won several national and international advertising awards, and coined the famous slogan "Go to work on an egg".

But it is for his passionate advocacy of the English heritage, its language, historic buildings and countryside that Mitchell deserves best to be remembered.

He was for much of his life associated with the Shell Guides, originally edited by John Betjeman, and he was the author of the excellent volume on East Sussex.

In his last years he published the only guide to the remote and beautiful churches of Romney Marshes.

LT-GEN SIR JOHN READ

Lieutenant-General Sir John Read, KCB, OBE, a distinguished Royal Engineer, was killed in a car accident on March 5. He was 69.

Read had wide experience as a regimental officer, but it was on the staff that he really came into his own, and his later appointments were at the very highest levels of military policy making.

Born on September 6, 1917, he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1937, and took a degree at Cambridge before the war.

During hostilities he served in France and the Western Desert, and was a staff officer with the 46th Division in its drive through Italy towards the Austrian frontier.

Postwar appointments took him to Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore. Training was a particular interest, and he was, for a time, second-in-command at Sandhurst.

But it was in his most senior jobs that he found his metier. As Director of Military Operations and then Assistant Chief of Defence Staff, between 1968 and 1971, he was involved with the large aspects of operational planning, and made a reputation for his brilliant exposition of strategic problems.

He brought these qualities to the directorship of the International Military Staff at Nato HQ in Brussels in 1971. This was a difficult post, and he was the first British officer to have held it for some years.

But the clarity of his mind and his unflappable temperament impressed themselves on those around him, and enabled him to weld an effective team out of disparate elements with sometimes contending military philosophies.

After his retirement from the Army in 1975 he was, for some years, executive secretary of the West Africa Committee, and spent a month a year in the area, advising British firms which traded with African countries.

M GEORGES ARNAUD

M Georges Arnaud, the French author whose novel *The Wages of Fear* was made into the thriller film of that name, has died in Barcelona at the age of 69.

Arnaud wrote several novels, and a number of travel stories, but none achieved the success of *Le Salaire de la Peur*, which sold two million copies.

When it was made into a film, starring Yves Montand in 1953, it was hailed as a classic of the genre, a verdict which, unlike many such impetuous pronouncements, the passage of years has not reversed.

With its taut plot involving the driving of nitroglycerine-carrying trucks over dangerous roads, *The Wages of Fear* is a masterpiece of cumulative suspense. It also foreshadowed the violence and pessimism of later films by directors like Peckinpah.

Arnaud's life was of a piece with his writings. Violence seemed to dog his footsteps. In 1941 he was accused of the murder of his father and aunt, and though acquitted in 1943, was permanently embittered by the 19 months he spent in jail in the interim.

He left France with a deep hatred of its police and judiciary, and settled in Algeria. There, not entirely wisely in the circumstances, he became involved with the independence movement.

This got him into more trouble and in 1960 he was given a two year suspended jail sentence for failing to denounce an alleged rebel sympathiser to the authorities.

Later he returned to France but kept very much to himself.

Mr Richard Sale, headmaster of Oswestry School, 1962-66, and of Brentwood School, 1966-81, died on February 3. He was 67.

He went to Repton and Oriel College, Oxford, where gained Blues at cricket and Eton Fives. A fine attacking left-handed batsman, he went in first for Oxford and was awarded his county caps for Warwickshire (1946) and Derbyshire (1951).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.
St. Matthew 16 : 24

BIRTHS

BUCKLEY - On February 16th, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Deirdre, a daughter, Fleur Annabel.

CUFFE - On March 2nd, at St Thomas's hospital, London, to Carol (née Hemmett) and David a son, Matthew William Paul, a brother for Jonathan.

DILKE - On March 5th 1987, to Diana and Fisher, a daughter, Stella Maye.

HOUGHTON - On March 2nd, to Jane (née Hattersley), and Philip, a daughter Andrea Jane Wynne.

HUNTING - On February 23rd 1987, to Gabrielle (née Schofield) and Jeremy, a son, Alexander James, a brother for William, Dee Gratias.

JOHNSON - On February 19th 1987, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Somerset, to Grace and Lee Wayne, a son, Matthew Cameron.

LEE - On February 27th, 1987, to Margaret (née Talbot) and Nicholas, a daughter, Jessica Sarah, a sister for Thomas.

McGLASHAN - On March 2nd, to Claire, (née Shanahan) and Scott, a son, (Charles Alexander), brother for David and Julia.

MESSENGER - On March 8th, 1987, to Sally (née Jackson), and Martin a son, Alexander James. Our thanks to the staff at Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

PRESTON - On March 5th, 1987 at St. Mary's, Paddington to Caroline (née Cecil) and Mark, a son, Hugh Simon.

ROYCROFT - On March 6th, at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Diane (née Lincoln) and Timothy, a son, Toby, brother for Henrietta.

SATTAR - On February 26th, to Qumar (née Un-Nisa) and Abdul, a son, Amr.

SYKES - On March 6th 1987, to Nicky and Adrian, a daughter.

TICKELL - On February 26th 1987, to Anne and Tom, a son (Nicholas Patrick), a brother for Lucy and Charlotte.

VICKERY - On March 4th, to Suzanna (née Crean) and Michael, a son, Jonathan Michael.

DEATHS

BROOKEBOROUGH - On March 5th, peacefully, at the Ulster Clinic, John Warden Brooke 2nd Viscount Brookeborough. Thanksgiving service at St. Ronans Church, Colebrooke, on Saturday March 14th at 3pm. No flowers. All donations to Fermanagh R.L.C. Welfare Fund, and 4 U.D.R. Welfare Fund, C/O Cooper and Cooper, East Bridge Street, Enniskillen

COSTAIN - On March 5th 1987, at home, after a long illness, Sir Albert Percy, aged 76, dearly beloved husband of Joan, and much loved father of Peter and Susan. Family funeral at Kingswood. No flowers please. Memorial Service at Folkestone to be announced later. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research, 14 East Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1HL.

DOWER - On March 1st in London, Victor, dearly loved husband of Nelly, father of Sammy, Ronny and Michael. Funeral has taken place at the Hoop Lane Cemetery, NW11. He will be deeply missed.

GRIFFITH-WILLIAMS - On March 5th 1987, peacefully at home, Brigadier Eric L.G. Griffith-Williams C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. aged 92, beloved husband of the late, Delia Griffith-Williams. Funeral Monday March 9th, at 2.30pm, at Rockbeare Church, no mourning.

HALL - On March 5th, peacefully in Tucson, Arizona, Florence Chris, beloved widow of Herbert, loved mother of Peter, John and Timothy, and mother-in-law to Eiko, Julie, Sarel and Jackie, and proud grandmother of Peter, James, Michael and Robert. Family Funeral to be held in Tucson. No flowers please.

HARDING - On March 2nd, peacefully at home in Hampstead, John, in his 83rd year, beloved father of Tim, Stephen, Benjamin and Edward. Funeral service at Golders Green crematorium on Tuesday March 10th at 3.20pm. Flowers to Levertons, 624 Finchley Rd, NW11.

HARPER - On March 5th, suddenly at Bishop's Frome, Peter Kenneth Harper, lately of Kilcarty, Co. Meath. Funeral private.

HENN - On Tuesday March 3rd 1987, in his 84th year, Wilfred Elliott Henn, Priest, beloved and loving husband of Georgina and father of Basil, Archdeacon Emeritus and Canon Emeritus of Bunbury diocese Western Australia.

HOGBIN - On Thursday March 5th, in Australia, suddenly, Lance, dearly loved husband of Penny, father of Alistair, Toby and Sally.

JOHNSON - On March 5th 1987, suddenly and peacefully at home, Joan Johnson, widow of Michael Johnson and darling mother of Antony. Funeral details to be announced later.

KNIGHT - On March 2nd, of Thorner, near Leeds, aged 81, Warburton, husband of Gweneth. Service and interment at St. Peter's Church, Thorner on Wednesday March 11th, at 2.30pm. Enquiries to G.E. Hartley & Son, Thorner. Tel Leeds. 0532 892354.

LUCKMAN - On March 4th 1987, Marjorie Claire, aged 80 years. Peacefully at home. Widow of Henry and much loved mother of Elizabeth, Phoebe and Tony, and dear grandmother of Jennifer, Alison, Christopher and Katherine. Donations for the British Red Cross, and further enquires to Cherrells Funeral Directors, 10 Market Place Blandford, Dorset. Tel: 0258 53295.

PARKER-RHODES - On March 2nd, aged 72, peacefully in hospital, Arthur Frederick.

PINNER - On March 5th, peacefully aged 97, Palmer, Illustrator, Broadcaster and Writer. Lovingly remembered by nephew Alexander and family, and cousins Oscar and Teddy. Cremation private.

SALES - On February 24th, in hospital at Winchester, Gwendoline Rose, most dearly loved wife of Edgar. A truely caring mother to Stephanie and Jeremy and very much loved by her grandchildren. The family has lost a very special person indeed. Cremated at Southampton on March 4th.

STALLABRASS - On March 3rd 1987, suddenly but peacefully at his home, Bampton, Oxfordshire, Thomas Stephen Stallabrass O.B.E., in his 74th year. Solicitor, founder & retired director of Anchor Housing Association, loving husband of Sonia and affectionate father of Richard. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium Memorial Chapel on Tuesday March 10th, at 11.15am. No flowers by request. Donations if desired for The WoodLand Trust, c/o Fisher & Townsend Funeral Directors, Duckington Lane, Witney.

THOMPSON - On March 5th 1987, Dr. Archibald William Stopford O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.P., D.P.H. of Landraice, West Bexington, Dorset, aged 76 years, dear husband of Josephine. Funeral service at, Holy Trinity Church, Swyre, Dorset on Tuesday March 10th, at 2.00pm. Family flowers only please but, donations may be sent for, The Parkinson Disease Society, Bridport Branch, c/o A.G. Down, 66 South Street, Bridport, Dorset. Telephone: 0308 22643.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BEECHAM - Sir Thomas, Bart, C.H., April 29th 1879 to March 8th 1961. In remembrance of this great Englishman who in his life achieved so much both in the fields of music and elsewhere, and who today is greatly missed by his many friends and admirers.

LEWIS - In memory of Wyndham Lewis, died March 7th 1957 and Froanna.

STANLEY - Dorothy Kincaid, In loving memory of Dorothy. As she was. So she still is. And always will be. Daddy, Charles, Siobhan, Louise, Elish.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday in Lent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 9.30 M, Nave, Dom Mark Jabale; 11 Sol Euch, Quire, *Missa In honorem Dominici* (Rubbra), Thou knowest Lord (Purcell), The Dean; 3.15 Evensong (Sarum), Tonus peregrinus & *Tone 1*, Buxtehude (Byrd), Christus factus est (Anerio); 6.30 ES, Canon C F Pollard.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 10.30 Choral M, Benedictus (Stanford in B flat) in C, Benedictus (Stanford in B flat), Rt Rev K Woolcombe; 11.30 Choral HC, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Introit Call to remembrance O Lord (Farrant), 12.15 Choral E, Christus factus est (Rubbra), Christus factus est pro nobis (Bruckner), Dss Ann Gurney.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M, First service (Shepherd), Holy is the true light (Harris), Revd D Bean; 11.40 S Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), 15 E, Lamb in G, Te lucis ante terminum (Tallis), Rev S Charles; 5.30 Organ recital Simon Preston; 6.30 ES, Most Rev Desmond Tutu.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC, 11 Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Adoremus in aeternum (Allegri), The Lent Preacher, 2.45 Chinese Service (BS); 4.15 Choral E, Responses (Plainsong), Third Evening Service (Tromlitz), Hear my crying (Weldon); 6.30 EP, Rev Fred Stephens.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 9.30 HC, 9.30 S Euch, 11.15 M, 11.6621; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM Missa S dominica (Rubbra), Peccantem me quotidie (Morales), Domine fac mecum (Lassus), Rev Ulrich Simon; 6.15 E (said) & Soleran B.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Rev O Head, Missa a tribus Voctibus (Byrd), Lamentations of Jeremiah Part 1 (Tallis); 6.30 E, Rev R McLaren.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC, 11 MP, Rev John Witheridge; 11.30 Informal ES, Rt Rev Michael Mann; 6.30 EP, Rev Canon Roberts.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 S Mass, 11 HM, Missa Cantuariensis (Rubbra), Hear my prayer (Purcell); 5.30 LS.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC4: 9 HC; 11 M, O Nata Smithfield, EC4: 9 HC; 11 M, O Nata Lux (Tallis), Responses (Purcell), Turlet, Mawer's Benedictus (Purcell), Turlet, Mawer's Benedictus (Purcell), The Rector; 6.30 ES with Vespers, The Rector, O nata lux (Byrd), Hymn to God the Father (Pelham Humfrey), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa aeterna munera (Palestrina), O Lord make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen (Byrd), Rev D B Tillyer.

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ST ETHELREDA'S, Ely Place; 11 SM, Ascetica Christi musera (Palestrina), Tu es sacerdos (Wesley).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11 HM, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), In letunio et metu (Tallis), Ave benigne conditor (Washington).

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CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11, 6.30 Rev Eric Waugh.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11, Rev Dr George Lovell; 6 Rev Michael Bradby.

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WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 18 Denny St, SE11: 11, Meeting for worship.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbrook Gardens, SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa parvula (Hutchings), Ave verum (Byrd), Rev Fr Bill; 6 E & B.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), A trustis est anima mea (Leo), The Rector.

ST GEORGE'S, 7 Little Russell St, WC1: 10 Euch; 6.30 E & Lent Course on Prayer.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC, 11 MP (1662), Rev Michael Bunker; 6.30 Spotlight on trusting.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10, 11.30 S Euch, Missa Quarti Toni (Ockeghem) Mr I Metters, Short service in E (Farrant), Remember not Lord (Purcell), Rev J Hassock.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish HC; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Batten), Nolo Mortem Peccatoris (Morley), The Vicar; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Very Rev M Mayne; 6.30 E, Rev K Ward.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 Choral M & Sermon, Rev Gordon Walkus.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 HC, Rev Stephen Sykes; 11.30 MP, The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service (BS); 4.15 Choral E, Responses (Plainsong), Third Evening Service (Tromlitz), Hear my crying (Weldon); 6.30 EP, Rev Fred Stephens.

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ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11, Solemn Euch, Missa a 4 (Monteverdi), Emendemus in alias (Byrd), Hymn to God the Father (Pelham Humfrey), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 00478 of 1987
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of NATIONAL INVESTORS LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER of THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
and
IN THE MATTER of THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 6th February 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named National Investors Life Assurance Company Limited hereinafter called "NILAC" by its Liquidator Ian Glendinning Watt for sanction under Section 49 of The Insurance Companies Act 1982 of a Scheme involving inter alia the transfer to THE above-named The Equitable Life Assurance Society ("Equitable") of the whole of the long-term business of NILAC and for an Order making ancillary provision in connection with the said transfer under Section 50 of the said Act.

Copies of the Petition, the Scheme, and a Report by an Independent Actuary in pursuance of the said Section 49 may be inspected at each of the registered offices of NILAC and Equitable and at each of the other offices where addresses are set forth in the Schedule hereto during normal business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this notice.

The Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Vinelott at The Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 6th day of April 1987. Any person (including any employee of NILAC or Equitable) who claims that he or she would be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel.

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Friday 13 Mar 7.45 pm — LONDON CITY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Thomas Mandeal (conductor/piano) Mozart Piano Concerto in G, K. 453, Piano Concerto in B flat, K 456, Piano Concerto in F K459 — Mandeal Productions

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Friday 20 Mar 7.45 pm — TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA & CHOIR James Gaddum (conductor) Haydn The Creation — £2, £2 50, £3, £3 50 — Trinity College of Music

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Thursday 12 Mar 7.30 pm — DELMENICO QUARTETS Cyndi Sieg (violin) Haydn Quartet in F minor Op 20 No 5, Robert Simpson Quartet No 11, Bartók Quartet No 5 — £2 50, £3 75, £5 — Park Lane Group

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Six-year low for US jobless

American unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.7 per cent in February for the third consecutive month, bringing the US jobless rate to the lowest level in almost six years.

Economists cautioned against reading too much into the figures, however, since almost all of the increase was related to workers returning to their jobs following settlement of labour disputes.

The majority of the gains were made in service jobs, which grew by 115,000 last month, but manufacturing jobs also increased by 50,000 in February following a gain of only 3,000 in January.

Nissan deal

Nissan Motor Manufacturing has signed a leasing agreement for more than £230 million with Lombard North Central to finance building and manufacturing equipment. The package is part of the £330 million Nissan is investing to increase capacity at its Sunderland plant.

$70m order

Balfour Beatty, the construction division of BICC, has won a $70 million (£44 million) contract to build part of the Trans-Turkey Highway. The 37.5-kilometre (about 25 miles) section of the road is a joint venture between the British firm and Entes SA, a Turkish construction company.

FMS team

Joint administrators have been appointed under the new Insolvency Act for Financial Management Services, the share-dealer which ceased trading on February 10.

No referral

The proposed acquisition by Swiss Bank Corp International of Savory Milln will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Offshoot sold

Pilkington Bros is selling its subsidiary, Tunnel Building Products, to Steetley Brick and Tile for an undisclosed cash price.

Sale agreed

Associated British Engineering has agreed to acquire Peter Nisbet and Co, a catering equipment supplier, for £900,000 through the issue of 5 million new shares. It also proposes to raise £400,000 cash by issuing a further 10 million shares.

Share issue

The Wilson Bowden share issue was subscribed 4.8 times. Applications for 200 to 1,000 shares go into a weighted ballot for 200 shares, while larger applications receive 25 per cent.

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Britain asks Tokyo for fair deal

C&W backed by Thatcher

By Colin Narbrough and David Watts

The Prime Minister has interceded on behalf of Cable and Wireless, the British telecommunications group seeking a big slice of Japan's lucrative telephone market.

There is opposition in Tokyo to C&W's efforts — through its 20 per cent stake in International Digital Communications — to gain a licence to operate in Japan's $1 billion-a-year international telecommunications market which is now being deregulated.

Downing Street disclosed yesterday that Mrs Thatcher this week wrote to Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, expressing the hope that Japan would give C&W fair consideration in the bidding for licences.

Last November, Mr Shunjiro Karasawa, the Japanese Posts and Telecommunications Minister, bluntly told Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that he saw no reason to open up Japan's telecommunications sector to outsiders, as no other leading industrial country did so.

Tokyo appears divided on the issue and the Japanese Foreign Ministry, which is sensitive to foreign pressures, has urged a more accommodating approach.

In a Commons written reply yesterday, Mrs Thatcher underlined her concern about the C&W bid, not merely as one involving a specific British company, but also as a test case.

"I believe this is an opportunity both for Japan to show that its market is becoming more open, and to create an outstanding example of Anglo-Japanese industrial co-operation in high technology," she said.

The matter is due to be decided by the end of this year.

C&W, which stresses that IDC is mainly Japanese-owned, feels its bid has not been given serious consideration because of the Japanese authorities' protectionist approach. Also competing for a licence is the all-Japanese International Telecommunications Japan. The telephone monopoly in Japan is held by Kokusai Denshin Denwa (KDD).

Access to Japan's telecommunications market is important to the British Government which feels reasonably confident because of Mr Nakasone's strong backing for the internationalization of Japan.

Mr Robert Priddle, a Department of Trade and Industry official with responsibility for telecommunications, said in Japan that although the Japanese Government had declared the market open for foreign competition, the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) had put "successive obstacles" in the way of the group of which C&W is a part.

Mr Priddle told a press conference yesterday he had been assured by Mr Karasawa that the question of foreign participation in a rival group to Japan's Kokusai Denshin Denwa (KDD) was not an issue but that there was concern about foreign participation in the management of the new group.

Mr Priddle reassured the minister that C&W had no interest in control of the new firm.

Apart from C&W, the Japanese and foreign companies taking part in the International Digital Communications group include the C Itoh trading company, Toyota Motors, Fujitsu, NEC, the Industrial Bank of Japan, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank and Pacific Telesis of the US, as well as Nomura Securities and the Bank of Japan.

C Itoh and C&W are each putting in 20 per cent of the 360 million yen (£1.5 million) of the initial capital, and Toyota 10 per cent. The rival group, International Telecommunications Japan (ITJ), includes three big trading houses — Mitsubishi, Mitsui and Sumitomo — along with Toyota and Matsushita Electric.

Acceptance of the IDC group would give access to C&W's extensive worldwide experience, not to mention its markets elsewhere. The group claims it could undercut KDD rates by 20 to 30 per cent.

Some believe that Toyota's attitude, with its stake in both camps, will be crucial to the outcome.

The MPT, meanwhile, has been pressing the two groups to merge, ostensibly because it feels there will not be enough business for two international carriers, but not least because it wants to eliminate C&W from the scene.



Nakasone: personal plea from Downing Street

Ladbroke calls for £294m

By Ray Heath

Ladbroke, the betting shops, hotels, property and do-it-yourself group, announced its widely-expected rights issue yesterday. It is asking shareholders for £294 million but there was no sign of the bid it has been tipped to make. Nor will there be one, said Mr Cyril Stein, the chairman.

He said: "There are no current intentions of making a major company acquisition. I am not saying we would not buy a company that fitted into one of our operations, but people have been talking about things like Great Portland, and that is not our intention."

Yesterday's rights issue was accompanied by the results, which showed record profits of £101.3 million for the year to December 31 against £75.1 million, a 35 per cent increase, on turnover up 31 per cent to £1,765.6 million.

Mr Stein said the proceeds of the rights issue would fund the expansion of all four of the group's core activities.

The exercise will reduce the company's borrowings, which have been heavily increased by the recent takeovers. This led to a doubling of interest charges from £14.2 million to £29.4 million last year.

Shareholders are being offered three new ordinary shares for every 10 held at a price of 375p. In the stock market yesterday the shares fell 2p to 429p. Rumours of the issue had knocked them back 20p earlier in the week.

Retailing was the fastest growing sector for Ladbroke last year, thanks to Texas Homecare, which contributed £13.8 million over 37 weeks.

Mr Stein said that Texas was responding to the company's financial controls, and a further 29 stores were planned for this year, taking the total to about 170 and increasing sales area by 1 million sq ft to more than 5 million sq ft.

Racing, still the heart of Ladbroke, produced profits of £49.5 million, up from £35.2 million. The relaxing of the off-track betting rules last year, which allowed live television coverage, had a significant impact on the reults, said Mr Stein. He expected further increases this year following the introduction of live coverage of horse and greyhound racing via satellite.

The number of British betting shops in the Ladbroke chain has risen by 150 to 1,660, about 16 per cent of the market, and good results were reported by its Belgian and Dutch shops.

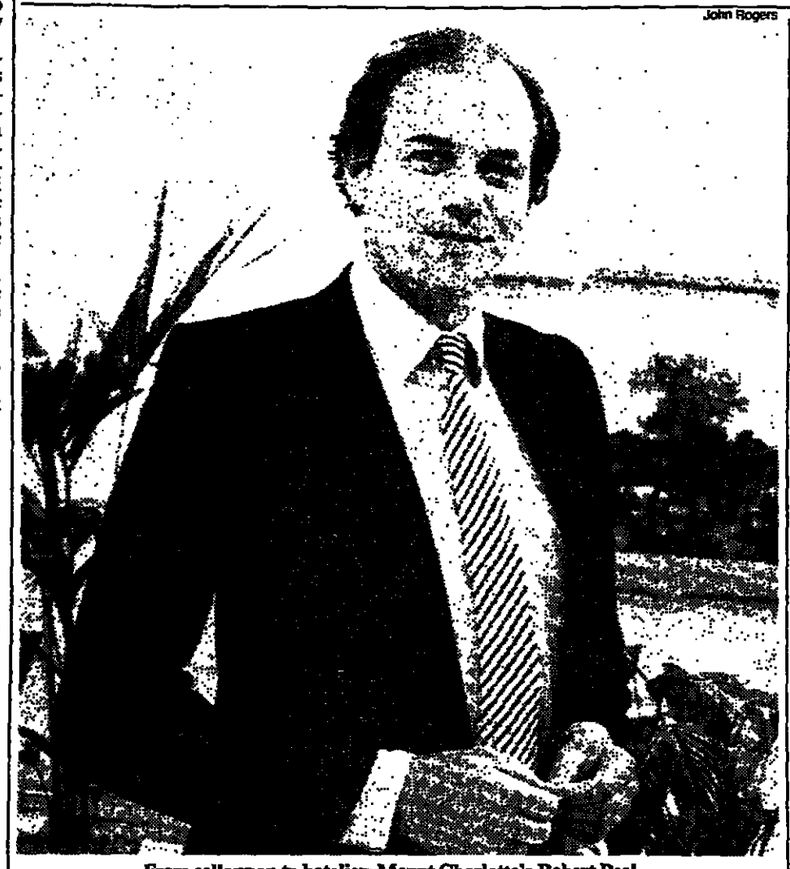
Despite the American tourists' sudden reluctance to visit Europe after the Libyan bombing, Ladbroke's British hotels still increased profits by 14 per cent, but its European establishments suffered from a drop in bookings. Even so, profits of the hotel and holiday division were up from £24.6 million to £27 million.

Property profits rose from £18.0 million to £21.4 million, and Mr Stein reported that the effect of the dollar on earnings from US properties had been contained.

A final dividend of 7p a share will make a total of 12.5p against 11.25p.

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John Rogers



From cellarman to hotelier: Mount Charlotte's Robert Peel

London's hotel room king

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Robert Peel, a one-time hotel cellarman, became the country's second largest hotelier after Lord Forte yesterday when his Mount Charlotte group agreed a £41 million takeover bid for the London Park Hotels group.

The deal adds four hotels to the 58 he already runs — with half the 7,500 bedrooms located in London — valuing the group at more than £300 million.

Mount Charlotte is making a cash offer worth 760p a share for London Park compared with the price of 553p when talks were first announced last month. The shares shot up 60p to close at 760p.

London Park, the former Rowton Houses revitalized by the Jivraj family, operates four hotels in London with a total of 827 bedrooms.

It reported pretax profits of £1.6 million for 1985 and in the six months to June made profits of £600,000.

Mount Charlotte has just announced earnings for last year of £18.6 million, an increase of 16 per cent, during a period when the hotel industry suffered from a fall in tourism from the United States.

The company has been involved in a period of rapid expansion and last year spent £22 million on a clutch of new hotels.

Mr Peel — who celebrates his 40th birthday next week — started in the industry as a cellarman at the Hyde Park Hotel before joining Mount Charlotte, then a tiny group valued at £300,000, after it had become enmeshed in the collapse of the Slater Walker financial empire.

He said yesterday: "We have a hungry bunch of executives who want to make this organization one of the biggest and the best."

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Belgians top Dutch offer for IC Gas

By Our City Staff

A counter offer for a strategic stake in Imperial Continental Gas Association has been launched by a Belgian consortium, which is topping a similar offer earlier this week by the Dutch SHV group.

The new tender offer of 710p a share is being made by Tractebel and Groupe Bruxelles Lambert who want a 29.3 per cent stake in IC Gas.

The SHV offer was 700p a share, pitching for 27.9 per cent.

The ultimate target of the Tractebel bid is Contibel, one of the two new companies being set up in a reconstruction of IC Gas finalized a week ago.

Contibel's main asset is a 7.22 per cent stake in Petrofina, Belgium's largest oil company. It also has other investments in three Belgian gas and electricity companies and stakes in two unquoted Belgian energy groups.

Tractebel and GBL said they were also investors in the same companies and had a combined stake of 18 per cent in Petrofina. The consortium, was concerned about the SHV offer. It already owns 14.95 per cent of IC Gas shares.

SHV's interest centres on the other new company, the Calor bottled gas group. It has agreed to place its holding in Contibel with another Belgian consortium, led by the Gevaert group, after the division of IC Gas into the two new companies.

The fresh offer contains the same topping-up clause as in the SHV offer. IC Gas shareholders who accept the tender will be compensated if the consortium, or a third party, makes a higher offer for IC Gas or the new companies.

SHV are expected to let their tender expire next Wednesday before reacting to the counter offer.

Chemical sell-off at Fr335

Paris (AP-Dow Jones) — M Edouard Balladur, the French Economics Minister, has fixed the price for Rhone-Poulenc's issue of non-voting preferred shares at Fr335 (£34.40)each.

The Economics Ministry said buyers of the issue, which is scheduled to open on Monday, would be required to buy five subscription rights from the government for each share they purchased. A lot of five rights will be sold for Fr20, allowing the buyer one non-voting preferred share at Fr315.

The issue by the state-controlled chemical group will cover about 8 million shares, of which about 4 million will be publicly offered on the Paris bourse between Monday and next Friday.

An additional 1.5 million shares will be offered to investors in the US, while 10 per cent of the issue will be reserved at a discount for Rhone-Poulenc employees.

Rhone-Poulenc is among the 65 state-owned groups that the French government hopes to sell to private investors by 1991. But the group's privatization has not been scheduled for 1987 and this prevents it from selling voting shares that would dilute the government's equity stake.

Rhone-Poulenc thus decided to issue non-voting securities to finance its expansion and investment plans.

The new issue, however, will drive the percentage of non-voting shares in Rhone-Poulenc's capital to the legal limit of 25 per cent.

Sterling set to beat $1.60

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The pound looks set to break through the $1.60 level against the dollar next week after another strong performance on international foreign exchange markets yesterday.

The continuing strength of sterling kept up pressure for a drop in interest rates although there was still no indication that the authorities were easing their tough stance on holding rates up for the time being.

With the British unit remaining high against other currencies, hopes were rising that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, would allow a large cut in interest rates around Budget time, probably in stages.

City analysts believe the Chancellor now easily has scope for a one percentage point cut in base rates from 11 per cent. Building societies, however, say that to ensure a drop in mortgage rates the Chancellor would need to bring base rates down by more than one percentage point.

The societies point out that intense competition to attract retail funds was forcing them to offer high deposit rates, and the scope for cutting both deposit and mortgage rates was very limited. But a fall of 1.5 to 2 percentage points in base rates might allow the societies to lower home loan rates by 0.5 per cent.

Sterling rose sharply in London by more than 1 cent against the dollar at one point, touching $1.5900 before falling back slightly on profit taking to close at $1.5880. The pound rose against the mark to DM2.9153, up 2 pfennings.

The trade weighted index, measured against a basket of currencies, moved ahead to 72.00 but ended the day up 0.4 at 71.8, an increase of 0.9 over the last two days.

Dealers said that although high British interest rates were pushing up sterling, no other important major currencies were competing for attention.

The dollar strengthened a little on better-than-expected February unemployment figures which showed a jobless rate of 6.7, unchanged from January. The dollar edged up against the mark.

Short shrift for tin report

A Commons committee report on the tin crisis, which urges the Government to seek a debt settlement, has been given short shrift by Mr Paul Channon, the Trade Secretary.

His reply confirms the Government view that it bears no responsibility for the £900 million debts of the International Tin Council, whose collapse started an international crisis.

SEC lawyers move west on insider trading

Focus on London link

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US Securities and Exchange Commission intensified its probe of the London connection with America's insider trading scandal this week by sending a team of lawyers to California to question senior officials of Clarendon Group.

Industry sources confirmed yesterday that SEC investigators looking at the activities of Drexel Burnham Lambert were demanding extensive information from Clarendon and other big clients of the investment banking firm.

The pace of the government's investigation has picked up sharply as the SEC team works to meet an informal late spring deadline to complete its study of extensive securities violations brought to light by the disclosures of Mr Ivan Boesky, the disgraced arbitrageur. Mr Dennis Levine, Mr Martin Siegel and others who are cooperating with officials.

The focus shifted to Los Angeles this week where the lawyers began examining Drexel's links with Mr Rodrigo Rocha, president of Clarendon, Mr Guy Dove, the London-based money manager of Clarendon, Mr Gerald Hsu, Clarendon's chief financial officer, and Katherine Wilkerson, manager of the Los Angeles office.

In addition, the SEC has issued a formal order of investigation into the trading activities and takeover bids of Mr Carl Icahn, a well-known corporate raider who announced this week that he would make another hostile bid for the USAir group.

The SEC's interest in Clarendon, a Bermuda-based insurance and investment company with offices in London, Los Angeles and New York, was generated by the agency's exhaustive review of the activities of Drexel Burnham Lambert.

Clarendon has strong links with Drexel through Mr Dove who worked formerly in the Washington office of the investment banking firm. Since his departure from Drexel several years ago, Clarendon has purchased billions of dollars of junk bonds from the investment banking house, industry sources said.

SEC investigators are asking about Clarendon's large holdings in Midcon Corporation before it was acquired by Occidental Petroleum and about other Clarendon deals to determine whether it traded on confidential information, according to the *Washington Post*.

In addition, Clarendon is being investigated as part of the broader SEC study to determine whether individuals and companies acted in concert to illegally accumulate shares in target companies without publicly disclosing their holdings.

Since it was first disclosed that the SEC had begun a close review of Drexel, the firm has lost business. It has not made a hostile takeover bid since last autumn. The SEC investigation is focused on the activites of Mr Michael Milken, head of the Los Angeles office, who is widely known as Wall Street's "junk bond" king.

The firm has suffered also as the result of a suit filed by Staley Continental last month in which it alleged that Drexel tried to force it into a leveraged buyout which had been engineered by the investment company.

Staley asked for damages of $360 million (£226.4 million) to compensate for Drexel's "high pressure" tactics. Industry sources said that other large corporations are considering filing similar suits against the beleaguered investment house.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2277.98 (+1.55)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	21105.85 (–70.18)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2788.64 (+0.20)
Amsterdam: Gen	267.4 (same)
Sydney: AO	1646.6 (+10.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1754.6 (+4.2)
Brussels:	
General	4296.41 (+17.4)
Paris: CAC	444.2 (–0.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen	535.20 (+2.40)
London: FT. A	n.a
FT. Gilts	89.52 (+0.23)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 10⅝–10⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 10-9⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5¹⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.63-5.62%*
30-year bonds 99¹⁵/₁₆-99³¹/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5870	£: $1.5895*
£: DM2.9153	$: DM1.8405*
£: SwFr2.4567	$: SwFr1.5505*
£: FFr9.6966	$: FFr6.1260*
£: Yen243.44	$: Yen153.43*
£: Index:71.8	$: Index:103.9
ECU £0.713022	SDR £0.802614

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Allied-Lyons	403p (+17p)
Blue Circle	715p (+17p)
Brown & Tawse	170p (+15p)
Bass	942p (+15p)
London Park Hotel	760p (+69p)
Suter	285p (+11p)
Burgess	253p (+20p)
Audio Fidelity	123p (+12p)
Tomkinsons	395p (+18p)
Lee Cooper	431p (+18p)
Siebe	909p (+11p)
Clarke Hooper	161p (+13p)
Lorlin Elect.	220p (+15p)
Moorgate Group	178p (+18p)

FALLS:

BP	797p (–14p)
DRG	414p (–11p)
TI Group	651p (–22p)
Jaguar	584p (–14p)
LWT Holdings	694p (–14p)
Wellcome	476p (–17p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $406.50 pm-$406.30
close $406.75-407.25 (£267.50-257.00)
New York:
Comex $406.60-407.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) pm $17.60 bb($17.25)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

West Germans join rush to Midlands

West German companies are among the leaders in a growing trend towards foreign investment in the West Midlands, Mr John Butcher, Under-Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, told a group of European and American trade representatives at the House of Commons yesterday.

About 350 West German firms have set up in business in Britain since 1981, bringing the total nationwide to more than 840. The West Midlands has 600 overseas companies employing 100,000 people and the 71 foreign firms which moved to the region last year represented about a quarter of all new foreign investment in Britain. West Germany, with 20.2 per cent, and the United States, with 36.33 per cent, have the biggest foreign presence.

Hodgson to raise £3m

Hodgson Holdings, the funeral director listed on the USM last year, is to raise £3 million by issuing up to 1,746,706 new shares at 170p a share. The shares have been placed and will also be available to Hodgson shareholders on the basis of one new share for every five held. The cash will be used for expansion programmes.

Ryan Hotels profits hit

Ryan Hotels, the Irish hotels group, yesterday announced a fall in its pretax profits from Ir£1.5 million (£1.36 million) to Ir£1.1 million for the year to October 31, 1986. The decline, signposted at the half-way stage, was caused by the boycott of Europe by US tourists after the Libyan air raid. Earnings per share fell to 2.96p.

Japanese warn EEC

A powerful array of Japanese industrial associations has given a warning to the EEC countries that there could be serious consequences for investment if the Community extends its anti-dumping measures to include products manufactured in Europe.

Associations representing more than 1,300 companies in the electronics and engineering industries have written to the heads of EEC nations asking them to reconsider the amendment proposed by the EEC Commission, aimed particularly at Japanese photocopying machines.

Mecca 'on target'



Mr Michael Guthrie (right), chairman of Mecca Leisure, which was floated on the stock market in October, told the annual meeting that the group had made a promising start and was well on target for the year. The benefits of strong growth should come through in the second half and the following year.

Mine groups to merge

Three Australian mining and investment groups, Eastern Group, Black Hill Minerals and Magnet Group, are to merge their largely complementary assets and activities into one new company called Eastern Group. This follows Black Hill withdrawing its takeover of Magnet. The proposed ratios in which shares in the new company will be issued to existing shareholders are one new Eastern share for every two Eastern or Black Hill shares and one new Eastern for every eight Magnet. The ratios are based on recent market capitalizations. The new Eastern Group will hold 42 per cent of Sundowner Minerals, 43 per cent of Gem Exploration and Minerals, 63 per cent of Samatha Exploration, 50 per cent of Lennard Oil and 30 per cent of Monarch Petroleum.

Profits soar by 67% at Hongkong Land

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Hongkong Land, the Crown Colony's premier property company, yesterday reported a 67 per cent rise in profits after tax to HK$920 million (£74.61 million) for 1986.

The group is increasing its total dividend by 80 per cent to 27 cents with a final payment of 20 cents.

Mr Simon Keswick, Hongkong Land chairman, said that prospects for 1987 were "bright." The supply of prime office space in the Crown Colony was still tight and the company's portfolio was 97 per cent leased.

After the 1982-1983 property crash, Hongkong Land's profits crashed to HK$168 million. The slump was caused by fears over the 1997 deadline for the hand over of Hong Kong to China.

But confidence is returning to the Crown Colony and the latest revaluation of the group's investment portfolio, which includes its prestigious Exchange Square Developments for the first time, produced a net surplus of almost HK$4 billion.



Simon Keswick: confident of bright prospects for 1987

Shareholders funds now stand at HK$20 billion and the net assets value for the year rose by 15 per cent to HK$8.17 billion. Yesterday the shares fell 10 cents to HK$7.85.

The company has undergone a series of dramatic changes in the hands of Mr Keswick and Mr Brian Powers, his strategist.

In December they hived off the Dairy Farm retailing subsidiary for about HK$5 billion, and sold the entire residential portfolio to Mr Allan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, for HK$1.4 billion.

The restructuring still has some way to go, with the company announcing last month that it is selling most of its land bank for HK$1.356 billion and that it also plans to float off its Mandarin Oriental hotels group later this year — 80 per cent through a HK$750 million rights issue and 20 per cent to be sold at open market value.

Mr Keswick said yesterday: "With these transactions and with the disposal of the bulk of our residential property portfolio and land bank, Hongkong Land will have regained its position as a pure office and commercial property investment and development company of the highest calibre."

COMPANY NEWS

● *MICROFILM REPROGRAPHICS:* Half-year to December 31. Interim dividend 1p (0.66p adjusted). Turnover £5.43 million (£3.45 million). Pretax profit £1.22 million (£568,000). Earnings per share 5.7p (3.4p). Comparative figures have been adjusted.

● **RANK ORGANISATION:** The group has appointed County NatWest Capital Markets, Samuel Montagu and the Swiss Bank Corporation International as dealers in a £100 million sterling commercial paper programme. These notes will be issued in any maturity of between seven and 364 days and the funds used for general financing. This facility has been arranged by County NatWest Capital Markets and the National Westminster Bank will act as issuing and paying agent.

● **ZAMBIA CONSOLIDATED COPPER MINES:** (Figures in kwachas): Third quarter to December 31. Pretax loss K323 million (£22.24 million), against a profit of K171 million. Sales K2,018 million (K1,381 million). Loss per share K6.25 (earnings K0.21).

● **ANGLIA TELEVISION:** Acceptances were received for 2.63 million new ordinary shares, or about 92.25 per cent of the total offered by rights issue.

● **MERCHANTS' WAREHOUSING:** Results for the 24 weeks to December 13. Pretax profit Ir£249,338 (£230,000), against Ir£137,013. Turnover Ir£1.81 million (Ir£1.67 million). Earnings per share 2.99p (2.07p). An unchanged interim dividend of 0.9p is to be paid on April 3.

● **COMMERCIAL BANK OF THE NEAR EAST:** Pretax profit for 1986 £1.04 million (£704,000). Earnings per share 46.5p (36.9p). Dividend 30p (same).

● **FLEMING MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Total dividend 3.75p (3.6p) for the year to January 31. Pretax revenue £7.96 million (£8.35 million). Earnings per share 3.76p (3.87p).

● **MERCANTILE CREDIT:** The company reports record pretax profits of £85.3 million for 1986 — £20.6 million higher than 1985. The board attributes the increase to excellent performances in all sectors. The company opened four new corporate branch offices last year, bringing the total to 17 and five new personal finance branches.

● **FIFE INDMAR:** Total dividend unchanged at 3.5p for 1986. Turnover £12.74 million (£14.21 million). Pretax profit £303,000 (£318,000). Earnings per share 3.31p (3.69p).

● **MEMCOM INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS:** Six months to October 31. Turnover £1.31 million (£957,068). Pretax loss £741,757 (loss £1.23 million).

● **KLEINWORT DEVELOPMENT FUND:** Six months to January 31 (compared with the seven months to July 31, 1986). Total revenue £327,312 (£307,762). Earnings per share 2.77p (3.51p). Interim dividend 2p.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18
Feb 16	Feb 27	May 28	Jun 8
Mar 2	Mar 13	Jun 11	Jun 22

Call options were taken out on: 5/3/87 Premier, Centreway Ind., Smith WH 'A', BBA, Hampton Trust, Property Trust, Ashton Mines, Peek Holdings, Delta, Martin Ford, Cambum Venture, Talbex, Hollis, Darron, Howden Group, Spong, Connells, St. Modwen, Dares Estates, Chloride, Norfolk Cap., Blackwood Hodge, Hestair, Amstrad, Greenwich Res., Polly Peck, Adeco, Racal, 'The Times' Veneer.
Puts & Calls: St. Modwen, British Gas, Norfolk Cap, Greenwich Res.

Jobless in EEC at record 17m

Luxemburg (Reuter) — Common Market unemployment rose by 516,000 in January to a record high of more than 17 million, largely due to seasonal factors, including the very cold weather in northern Europe, the EEC statistics office said yesterday.

EEC officials in Brussels said hopes of keeping this year's jobless at about 1986 levels could now prove optimistic.

The European Commission last week said it had revised downwards its projections for EEC economic growth this year because of world economic trends. It said its new forecast for gross domestic product growth of 2.3 per cent could mean unemployment would remain at about 12 per cent of the working population in 1987.

Male unemployment in the EEC rose 4.6 per cent from December to January, while the female jobless figure rose 1.2 per cent.

The EEC statistics office said the January figure of 17.05 million was a little more than 200,000 above that recorded in January 1986. It gave no January figures for Greece, Spain or Portugal which calculate unemployment rates on a different basis

JOBLESS RATES

	1987 Jan %	1986 Dec %	1986 Jan %
Belgium	12.9	13.0	13.1
Denmark	10.2	10.0	9.2
W.Germny	9.7	9.4	9.6
France	13.3	13.2	10.7
Ireland	18.3	18.1	18.5
Italy	14.3	14.3	14.0
Luxemburg	1.8	1.7	1.7
Netherlnds	12.4	12.3	13.4
Britain	12.1	11.9	12.8

Latest figures are provisional

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.83	89.83	89.78	89.81	224
Jun 87	90.50	90.50	90.48	90.55	3308
Sep 87	90.70	90.77	90.67	90.77	7097
Dec 87	90.72	90.77	90.68	90.77	472
Mar 88	90.83	90.85	90.83	90.85	97
Jun 88	90.48	90.48	90.47	90.47	80
		Previous day's total open interest 23972			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 87	93.66	93.68	93.59	93.59	1148
Jun 87	93.74	93.75	93.61	93.62	4788
Sep 87	93.71	93.72	93.60	93.61	537
Dec 87	93.61	93.61	93.54	93.51	147
Mar 88	93.48	93.48	93.40	93.37	61
Jun 88	NT	—	—	93.18	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	92.97	0
		Previous day's total open interest 27907			
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 87	102-07	102-07	101-11	101-09	451
Jun 87	101-02	101-04	100-04	100-05	5390
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-04	0
		Previous day's total open interest 3525			
Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	101-08	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
		Previous day's total open interest 64			
Long Gilt					
Mar 87	121-07	121-24	121-01	122-05	195
Jun 87	121-11	122-16	121-07	122-13	29729
Sep 87	NT	—	—	122-07	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	122-14	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	
		Previous day's total open interest 17758			
FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	200.20	200.70	198.10	200.20	606
Jun 87	203.80	204.10	203.10	203.80	14
		Previous day's total open interest 4941			

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Barbour Indx (215p)	305 –5
Br Airways (ea)	113
Capital radio (105p)	131 +1
Daniels S (130p)	194 –4
Dale Group (110p)	131
Fletcher King (175p)	188 –2
Forward Gp (125p)	135 +1
Geest (125p)	225 –1
Grentree (18p)	41 –2
Gordon Russell (190p)	289
Halls Homes (95p)	170
Hewetson (70p)	83 –1
Hobson Pub (250p)	350
Hornby (100p)	103 –3
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	179
JSB Elec (115p)	135
Johnson Fry (150p)	180 –1
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	196 +6
Logitek (95p)	84 +4
Lon & Metro (145p)	200 –1
Mill (144p)	194 +1
Mayborn (102p)	120 +2
Nobo (152p)	162 –2
Northumbrian Food (60p)	97 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	145 +2
RCO (95p)	101 –1
Sanders Sydney (100p)	142 –2
Sinclair G S (80p)	98 –2
Spandex (170p)	285
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	113
TSB Group (100p)	77 –1
Virgin (140p)	183 –3
Ward Group (97p)	124 –1
Wood (J.D) (144p)	180

RIGHTS ISSUES

Burgess N/P	70
Walker (Alfred) N/P	
Wiggins F/P	168

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11½ Low 11¼
Week fixed: 11⅛

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10 1/16
Selling: 2 mnth 10; 3 mnth 9 15/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅝–10 1/16; 2 mnth 10 3/16–10 1/16
3 mnth 10-9⅝; 6 mnth 9 31/32–9 15/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11⅛; 2 mnth 10 13/16
3 mnth 10⅝; 6 mnth 10 3/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 12
1 week 11⅛–11⅛; 6 mnth 10⅛–10
1 mnth 10 13/16–10⅝; 9 mnth 10⅛–10
3 mnth 10⅜–10 5/16; 12 mnth 10⅛–10

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11; 7 days 11
1 mnth 10⅝; 3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10⅝; 12 mnth 9⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11-10⅝; 2 mnth 10⅝-10⅝
3 mnth 10⅜-10⅜; 6 mnth 10⅛-10
9 mnth 10⅛-9⅝; 12 mnth 10⅛-9⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11-10⅝; 3 mnth 10 5/16-10 1/16
6 mnth 10 1/16-9 15/16; 12 mnth 10-9⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.35-6.30; 3 mnth 6.30-6.25
6 mnth 6.30-6.25; 12 mnth 6.40-6.35

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅝
7 days	5⅞-6 1/16	1 mnth	6¾-6⅝
3 mnth	6 3/16-6 1/16	6 mnth	6 5/16-6 3/16
Deutschemark		call	4⅛-3⅞
7 days	4-3⅞	1 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16
3 mnth	4 1/16-3 15/16	6 mnth	4⅛-4
French Franc		call	8⅝-7⅝
7 days	7⅞-7¾	1 mnth	7¾-7⅝
3 mnth	8 1/16-8 1/16	6 mnth	8⅛-8⅛
Swiss Franc		call	2⅜-1⅛
7 days	1⅝-1⅜	1 mnth	4-3⅝
3 mnth	4-3⅞	6 mnth	4-3⅝
Yen		call	4⅛-3⅜
7 days	4⅛-4⅛	1 mnth	4⅛-4⅛
3 mnth	4 1/16-4 1/16	6 mnth	4⅛-4⅛

BULLION

Gold: $406.75-407.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 411.00-413.00 (£259.00-260.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 97.00-98.00 (£61.00-62.50)
Platinum
$ 528.50 (£333.35)
Silver
$ 5.5700-5.5800 (£3.5100-3.5300)

TREASURY BILLS

Applied: £798.5M; allotted: £100M
Bids: £97.58%; received: 100%
Last week: £97.485%; received: 100%
Avge rate: £9.8665%; last yr: £10.1969%
Next week: £100M; replace £100M

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices were lower in moderate, early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6.06 points to 2269.83 at one stage when the transport indicator was down 5.21 to 951.43

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 share index lost 1.64 to 288.88 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.80 to 164.61.

Declining shares led advancing issues by a two-to-one margin

	Mar 5	Mar 4		Mar 5	Mar 4		Mar 5	Mar 4
AMR Cp	59	58⅝	Firestone	35⅝	36⅛	Pepsico	34¾	34
ASA	47⅞	48⅝	Fst Chicago	32	32¼	Pfizer	73¼	73
Aetna Life	67⅛	67¾	Fst Int Bncp	37¾	38⅞	Phelps Dod	28⅜	30⅛
Allied Signal	48	48⅜	Fst Penn C	10⅞	10⅞	Philip Mor	87⅛	86⅝
Allis Chalm	2⅜	3⅛	FT Wachvia	44¼	44¾	Philip Pet	13⅜	13⅜
Alcoa	43⅜	43⅛	Ford Motor	79⅛	79¼	Polaroid	78⅜	78⅝
Amax Inc	17⅞	17⅞	GAF Cp	43⅜	44⅛	Procr Gble	86⅛	87
AMR Hese	28⅝	29	GTE Cp	40⅝	41	Pub Svc El	41⅞	41⅜
Am Brands	50⅛	50⅛	Gen Cp	79⅝	80⅛	Raytheon	78	77⅝
Am Cate	100⅞	101⅜	Gen Dynam	77⅞	78⅛	Rjnlds Mtl	85⅝	83⅝
Am Cynmid	96⅞	99⅝	Gen Elect	103⅝	105⅞	Richmnd Int	52⅝	52⅝
Am Elc Pwr	25⅝	25⅞	Gen Inst	26⅝	27	Rockt Dvlcb	107⅛	107⅝
Amex	77⅞	78⅛	Gen Mills	52⅜	51⅞	SPE Sopac	36⅛	36⅞
Am Home	88⅛	86⅜	Gen Motors	78	78⅝	Sara Lee	42⅜	42⅝
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅜	Gen Pub Ut	25⅛	25⅞	Schlmb	38⅜	38
Am Stand	48¼	48⅜	Genesco	4⅛	4⅜	Scott Pap	78	78⅜
Am Telph	23⅝	23⅞	Georgia Pac	50⅛	48⅝	Seagram	68⅝	68
Amoco Cp	73⅛	73⅜	Gillette	39⅝	40	Sears Roeb	53	52⅝
Armco Steel	8⅛	7⅝	Goodrich	55⅜	55⅛	Shell Trans	72⅛	69⅜
Asarco Inc	21⅛	21⅞	Goodyear	53⅜	53⅞	Singer	48⅜	48
Ashland Oil	64⅜	64⅞	Gould Inc	19⅝	19⅝	Smithkln Bk	112⅜	110⅜
Atl Richfld	69⅝	69⅞	Grace Co	56⅝	56⅝	Sony Cp	21⅛	21⅛
Avon Prod	30⅝	30⅛	Grt Atl Pac	28⅜	28⅝	Sth Cal Ed	34½	34⅝
Bk Boston	33	32⅝	Grayfund	35⅝	35⅞	SW Bell	115⅞	116⅛
Bank NY	40⅝	39⅞	Grumman	30⅜	30⅜	Std Oil	57⅜	58⅛
Bankamer	11⅞	12	Gulf & West	80⅞	81⅛	Stud Drug	53⅜	52⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	46⅛	46⅛	Heinz	46⅝	46⅞	Stevens JP	39⅝	40⅛
Beth Steel	7⅞	8⅛	Hercules	55⅛	55⅝	Stone Contp	58⅝	58⅝
Boeing	52⅛	53⅜	Hewlet Pk	55⅝	55⅞	TRW Inc	99¼	100
Boise Casc	78⅛	77⅞	Honeywell	68⅝	68⅞	Tektronx	340	340⅝
Borden	56⅜	56⅝	IC Ind	29⅜	29⅛	Tenneco	43⅝	44⅛
Borg Warnr	42	42⅛	ITT Cp	65⅝	65¾	Texaco	34⅜	34⅛
Brist Myer	101⅛	101	INCO	15⅝	15⅞	Tex Instr	94⅝	94⅝
BP	53⅝	52⅜	Ingersoll	78⅛	77⅞	Textron	68⅝	68⅝
Brunswick	43⅜	42	Intern Steel	23⅜	23⅝	Tex Util	35⅜	35⅜
Burl Ind	48	48⅛	IBM	140⅝	140	Toshiba	6⅝	6⅝
Burl Nth	67⅞	67⅞	Int Paper	36⅝	35⅜	Travelers	51⅞	52⅛
CBS	161⅛	159⅜	Irving Bk	46⅝	46⅛	UAL Inc	68	54⅛
CPC Int	47⅞	48⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	61	61⅛	USG	39⅝	39⅞
Cax Cp	33⅜	32⅝	K Mart Cp	60	57⅜	USX Cp	24⅝	24⅜
Cmpbell Sp	64	64⅛	Kaiser Alum	17⅜	17⅝	Unisvr NV	260⅛	255⅞
Can Pacific	17⅝	17⅛	Kerr McGee	31⅞	31⅛	Un Carbide	27	27⅛
Caterpillar	45⅛	45⅞	Kimb Clark	110⅜	109⅝	Un Pac Cp	75⅛	75⅜
Chase Manh	35	35⅛	Kroger	35⅜	35⅝	Unisys Cp	104⅝	104⅜
Champion	38⅝	37⅛	LTV Cp	2⅜	2⅜	Utd Brands	48	47⅜
Chase Man	38⅝	38⅞	Litton	87⅛	86⅝	Utd Tech	53⅜	53⅜
Chem NY	47⅛	46⅝	Lockheed	32⅜	32⅞	Unocal	32⅛	32⅝
Chevron	50⅛	50⅜	Lucky Str	29⅜	29⅛	Walter Jim	56⅛	54⅛
Chrysler	52⅝	50⅞	Man Hnver	46	46⅛	Warn Lamb	76⅛	75⅛
Citicorp	53⅛	52⅝	Manville	2⅜	2⅜	Wells Fr	55⅜	54⅜
Clark Eq	23⅞	24	Mapco	62⅝	62⅝	Westg El	65⅞	64⅝
Coca Cola	46⅛	47⅛	Mrkte Mid	52	51⅞	Weyerhsr	54⅛	51⅛
Colgate	65⅝	65	Mt Manfctr	45⅞	46⅛	Whirlpool	56⅝	56
Columb Gas	50⅛	50⅜	Masco	37⅝	36⅝	Woolworth	48⅝	48⅜
Cmb'n Eng	39⅝	36⅞	Mcdonalds	78	76⅝	Xerox Cp	72	73
Cmwlth Ed	37⅝	37⅜	McDonnell	78⅛	79⅜	Zenith	23⅜	23⅝
Cons Edis	46	45⅞	Mead Cp	71	69⅝			
Cn Nat Gas	38⅛	37⅛	Merck	160⅛	159⅝			
Cons Pwr	18	18⅛	Mitsbs Mng	127⅛	126⅝			
Cont Data	28⅛	28⅛	Mobil	43⅝	43⅞			
Corning Gl	60⅝	58⅛	Monsanto	75⅝	77⅛			
Crane	43⅝	43⅛	Morgan Jp	47⅛	46⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	93⅜	93⅝	Motorola	53⅛	53⅝			
Data Gen	35⅝	36⅛	NCR	66⅜	65⅝			
Deere Co	29	29	NL Indstrs	6⅝	6⅝			
Delta Air	63⅛	63	Nat Distil	59⅝	60⅜			
Detroit Ed	16⅛	16⅝	Nat Md Elst	27⅛	26⅝			
Digital Eq	170⅝	167	Nat Semi	15⅜	15⅞			
Disney	60⅛	60	Norfolk Sth	96⅛	95⅝			
Dow Chem	76	77⅛	NW Bancrp	41⅞	41⅞			
Dresr Ind	26⅝	26⅜	Occid Petl	31⅛	31⅛			
Dupont	102⅞	100⅜	Ogden Cp	68⅝	68⅞			
Duke Pwr	47⅞	47⅝	Olin Cp	49⅜	49⅛			
East Kodak	77⅞	75⅝	Owens Il	60⅛	60⅛			
Eaton Cp	84	84½	PPG Ind	84½	84⅝			
Emerson El	104⅛	103⅞	Pac Gas El	26⅜	26⅝			
Emery Air	13⅛	13⅜	Pan Am	5	5⅛			
Exxon	61⅛	61⅛	Penney JC	96⅛	95⅞			
Fed Dpt Sts	96⅛	96	Pennzoil	79⅜	80⅜			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	32⅝	32	
Alcan Alum	30⅝	30⅝	
Algoma Stl	11⅞	11⅞	
Can Pacific	22⅝	22⅝	
Comlaco	16⅜	16⅞	
Con Bathrst	18⅜	18	
Hawk S Can	27⅛	27⅛	
Hud Bay M	27⅜	28⅞	
Imasco	32⅛	32⅞	
Imperial Oil	58⅜	58⅞	
Int Pipe	46⅜	45	
Royl Trstco	34⅛	35⅞	
Seagrm W	51	50⅜	
Shaico 'A'	22⅝	22⅞	
Thmsn N 'A'	32⅝	33⅛	
Varity Cp	3.30	3.55	
WCT	14⅜	14⅛	
Weston	37⅛	37⅛	

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 6	Market rates close March 6	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5795-1.5880	1.5865-1.5875	0.59-0.56prem	1.51-1.49prem
Montreal	2.1095-2.1165	2.1129-2.1138	0.63-0.54prem	1.47-1.32prem
Amsterdam	3.2664-3.3010	3.2856-3.2909	1¼-1¼prem	4-3¾prem
Brussels	59.88-60.55	60.41-60.53	17-14prem	41-35prem
C'phgen	10.8796-11.0165	10.9770-10.9986	⅝-1¼dis	4-4¼dis
Dublin	1.0848-1.0963	1.0911-1.0921	30-66dis	96-103dis
Frankfurt	2.8936-2.9230	2.9152-2.9194	1¾-1¾prem	4¾-4¾prem
Lisbon	222.10-224.20	223.06-224.00	74-158dis	260-428dis
Madrid	203.28-204.65	204.18-204.47	37-61dis	135-173dis
Milan	2055.70-2077.76	2068.06-2074.07	Sprem-1dis	8prem-4dis
Oslo	10.9554-11.0325	10.9992-11.0020	3⅝-4¼dis	12¾-13¼dis
Paris	9.8240-9.8763	9.8535-9.8707	2¾-2prem	5¼-4¾prem
St'khlm	10.1545-10.2395	10.2107-10.2283	⅝-16dis	1⅞-2¼dis
Tokyo	242.30-244.25	243.29-243.68	1⅜-1¼prem	3⅝-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.29-20.80	20.59-20.55	11¼-10 prem	28⅛-26¾ prem
Zurich	2.4355-2.4650	2.4542-2.4580	1⅜-1¼prem	3¾-3⅝prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 71.3 (day's range 71.4-72.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentine austral*	2.4365-2.4476
Australia dollar	2.3571-2.3404
Bahrain dinar	0.5983-0.5970
Brazil cruzado*	26.1221-26.2913
Cyprus pound	0.7595-0.7695
Finland markka	7.1440-7.1840
Greece drachma	211.25-213.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.3730-12.3850
India rupee	20.35-20.55
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4350-0.4390
Malaysia dollar	4.0002-4.0052
Mexico peso	1620-1670
New Zealand dollar	2.8383-2.8535
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9015-5.9415
Singapore dollar	3.3901-3.3928
S Africa rand (fin)	5.9067-5.9267
S Africa rand (com)	3.2870-3.2994
U A E dirham	5.7790-5.8190

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4520-1.4540
Singapore	2.1420-2.1430
Malaysia	2.5220-2.5245
Australia	0.5780-0.5795
Canada	1.3521-1.3535
Sweden	6.4350-6.4450
Norway	6.5900-6.6400
Denmark	6.9150-6.9250
West Germany	1.8295-1.8408
Switzerland	1.5503-1.5513
Netherlands	2.0780-2.0795
France	6.1200-6.1300
Japan	153.60-153.70
Italy	1308.0-1309.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.09-38.14
Hong Kong	7.8520-7.8640
Portugal	141.20-141.70
Spain	128.65-128.75
Austria	12.90-12.92

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOREX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*405)	330	80	90	98	1	4	5
	360	50	67	73	1	10	18
	390	28	45	55	3	20	25
British Gas (*80)	60	21	23½	27	½	1	1
	70	12	16½	20	1	2½	3¾
	80	5⅛	10⅛	14½	4⅛	6	7½
British Airways (*113)	100	16	21	24	2	5½	7
	110	7⅞	14	19	4	10½	12
	120	4	8½	13	4	16	16
BP (*799)	700	105	128	152	5	9	20
	750	60	85	110	12	18	32
	800	30	57	75	33	36	46
Cons Gold (*638)	700	137	157	167	4	12	18
	750	92	114	127	6	12	37
	800	65	87	100	28	40	52
Courtaulds (*402)	330	80	86	100	2	2½	9
	360	50	64	81	3	9	12
	390	28	48	64	13	23	28
	420	14	34	47	30	39	41
Com Union (*322)	300	27	37	45	6	13	17
	330	12	24	33	21	23	27
	360	6	14	23	49	52	54
Cable & Wire (*344)	325	30	—	—	7	—	—
	350	16	—	—	21	—	—
	360	—	25	45	—	40	50
	390	6	15	30	53	62	70
GEC (*225)	200	30	42	48	2	5	9
	220	17	29	34	90	13	18
	240	9½	20	26	20	26	32
Grand Met (*504)	420	90	105	115	1	3	5
	460	53	70	83	4	10	17
	500	27	45	56	18	30	33
	550	9	23	35	52	55	60
ICI (*1353)	1300	67	135	145	29	55	75
	1350	45	100	120	55	80	95
	1400	28	75	100	80	105	120
	1450	18	57	80	125	135	150
Land Securities (*355)	330	31	38	48	2	7	11
	360	14	24	36	12	20	25
	390	4	11	22	36	45	49
Marks & Spen (*224)	180	48	53	60	1	1½	3
	200	28	35	42	2	6	9
	220	13	20	28	9	15	19
Shell Trans (*1144)	1000	147	150	168	7	17	27
	1050	97	108132				
	14	27	40				
	1100	55	80

STOCK MARKET

Blue Circle shares jump as Australian raider pulls out

By Michael Clark

The directors of Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as Mr John Spalvins, the Australian corporate raider, decided to sell the rest of his holding in the company.

Morgan Grenfell Securities is believed to have found a home for the remaining 7.5 million shares (6 per cent), worth £53 million, at about the 707p level.

The bulk of the holding was picked up by Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the investment house, which placed it with a number of its big institutional clients.

The Blue Circle share price responded to the news with a rise of 21p to 719p – just 7p below its peak – as a massive 18 million shares changed hands. But earlier hopes that the stake had gone to one buyer soon dispelled.

Blue Circle has been the target of constant bid speculation in recent months, helped by Mr Spalvins's stake-building exercise. At one stage, he had built up a stake of nearly 11 per cent through Adelaide Steamship, his investment company.

His actions provided a few sleepless nights for the Blue Circle board, which regarded him as a thorn in its side. Last year, shares of the cement-maker slumped to a low of 526p. There were fears among analysts of a slow-down in profits, plus the threat of cheap cement imports from Eastern Europe.

Another record-breaking performance overnight on Wall Street failed to make much impression in London, where prices continued to labour under the weight of end-of-account profit-taking. Sentiment was not helped by confirmation of a rights issue from Ladbroke, the property, hotels and leisure group, which is asking shareholders for an extra £295 million.

But the undertone remains firm and there were signs of new-time buying in late trading for the Budget account which starts on Monday. The FT-SE 100, which breeched the 2,000 level this week, was 14.9 down early on, but finished a net 4.6 down at 1,998.2.

The narrower FT index of top 30 blue chips opened 13.9 down and managed to claw its way back throughout the session. It eventually closed 0.6 lower at 1,601.4. The rise on the account is 34.4.

Government securities extended recent gains in the belief that lower interest rates are on the way despite the reluctance of the Bank of England to show any initiative in the matter. Prices at the longer end of the market were sporting gains of up £¼ at the close.

The brewery sector continued to enjoy selective support in the hope that it will emerge from the Budget virtually unscathed. Analysts have been quick to point out that the sector has been left behind in the recent bull market and still has some catching up to do.

Yesterday, the spotlight focused on Allied-Lyons as the price raced up 19p to 405p on turnover of 7.1 million shares. Hopes are high that US-based Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer, will pick on Allied to advance its expansion plans in this country. Last month, it was revealed that Ong Beng Seng, a Singapore hotelier and financier, had built a 2 per cent stake in Allied.

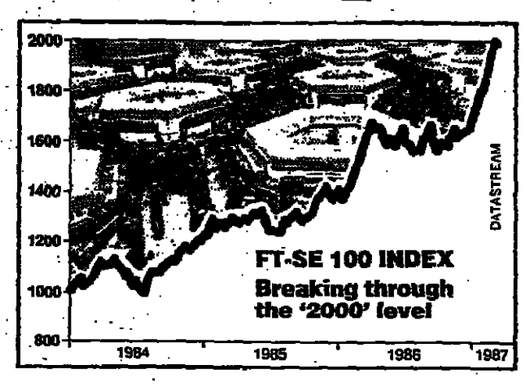
● Bid speculation will not lie down at Birmid Qualcast, the Potterton boiler and lawnmower group. Potential suitor Hepworth Ceramic Holdings was forced to halve its 10 per cent stake earlier this week, but the market is convinced it will come back with an aggressive bid. The price hardened 3p to 247p yesterday.

Dealers were discounting the prospect of him making a full bid, but it did heighten speculation that a bid may be on the way. Anheuser has already had its name linked with that of Guinness, 5p higher at 323p and Scottish & Newcastle, up 3p at 247p.

The other brewers were also in sparkling form. Bass resumed its record-breaking run with a rise of 26p to a peak of 953p. HP Bulmer, the cider group and another takeover candidate, advanced 6p to 192p and Whitbread 6p to 334p.

Among the drug producers, Beecham rose 20p to 563p on prospects for one of its new drugs, but Wellcome lost 8p to 485p as profit-taking continued.

Dealers, who had been convinced that worries about a possible DTI inquiry into Burton's £560 million bid for Debenhams were unfounded, were looking a little uneasy yesterday. The DTI has confirmed that it is still looking into the case and has not yet made up its mind. As a result, the Burton share price, which had raced ahead to 320p in early dealings on heavy buying from brokers such as Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, Morgan Grenfell and Chase Manhattan Securities, reacted badly. It eventually closed 3p cheaper at 301p with a total of 27 million shares changing hands.



Martin Ford ran into profit-taking after this week's speculative run, falling by 3p to 73p. There have been whispers that it is about to conclude a deal with Lee Cooper, the jeans maker, up another 31p at 438p, following the news that Compagnie de Navigation Mixte had lifted its stake to 15.61 per cent.

Elsewhere in stores, Combined English hardened 1p to 282p despite the breakdown in the merger talks earlier this week with Ratners, the jeweller. The other big takeover target in the high street, Underwoods, rose 3p to 239p. Woolworth, which had been hoping to agree a merger with Underwoods, slipped 1p to 777p.

Among the engineers, GKN recovered an early fall to finish all-square at 337p ahead of the full-year figures due next week. These are expected to make gloomy reading. The group has already warned the market not to expect too much. Analysts are looking for a small shortfall of about £8 million in pretax profits at £125 million. The outlook for the current year looks much brighter with estimates of almost £140 million.

BPB Industries, also reporting next week, advanced 4p to 675p. By contrast, the market is looking for a healthy increase in the pretax profits of this company, from £103.2 million to £145 million.

Revived speculative buying lifted Laird Group by 6p to 318p after a shakeout earlier this week. There has been talk of some big American buyers doing the rounds, amid suggestions that a consortium is being arranged to make a full bid.

The big four clearing banks recovered from early profit-taking and mostly managed to close with small gains on the day. The only casualty was National Westminster, still regarded by some analysts as the cheapest, which produced annual pretax profits topping £1 billion last month. The shares finished 2p lighter at 622p. But Barclays firmed 1p to 523p, Lloyds 2p to 499p and Midland 4p to 638p.

There was little respite for the insurance composites, mid-way through their reporting season, although prices managed to close above their worst levels. Falls were seen in General Accident 4p to 955p, Guardian Royal Exchange 2p to 885p, Royal Insurance 4p to 983p and Sun Alliance a similar amount at 753p.

● Keep an eye on Rivlin, the USM-quoted property and textiles group, up 4p to162p. Interim figures expected on Wednesday may include details of the proposed merger with City Merchant Developers, headed by Mr Martin Landau, who advised Rivlin on its bid for Marlborough Property Holdings.

Only Commercial Union, which reported earlier this week, managed any headway, firming by 1.5p to 320.5p.

● **FRANKFURT:** The market closed mostly lower in active trading as car shares tumbled on the news of sharp losses at Volkswagen's Brazilian unit. While many stocks advanced in the first hour of trading, profit-taking in the second half of the session pushed most equities below Thursday's close.

The Commerzbank index, which was measured at midday, edged up by 4.2 points to 1,754.6.

● *HONG KONG:* After a dramatic fall on Thursday, shares seesawed in hectic trading as the market consolidated. Prices opened weak as a follow-up to the large selling orders on Thursday, but bargain-hunters moved in and absorbed much of the selling. The Hang Seng index closed at 2,798.64 (2,798.44).

● **TOKYO:** Shares slipped on heavy volume, as profit-taking undermined an early advance. Investors reverted to cautious profit-taking because of technical indications that many market positions were overbought. The Nikkei Dow index closed at 21,105.85, down 70.18.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	6,800	Gen Accident	766	Redland	2,000
Amstrad	2,800	GEC	5,700	Reckitt Colman	79
ASDA-MFI	6,900	Glaxo	3,000	Reed Int	945
Ass Br Foods	570	Globe IT	1,100	Reuters	691
BET	141	Granada	307	RMC Group	124
BTR	1,900	Grand Met	1,800	RTZ	1,300
BAT	5,600	GUS 'A'	123	Rowntree	2,100
Barclays	1,100	GRE	572	Royal B of Scot	411
Bass	1,200	GKN	2,700	Royal Ins	1,700
Beecham	7,500	Guinness	10,000	Saatchi	661
Blue Circle	18,000	Hammerson Pry 'A'	281	Sainsbury (J)	136
BOC	1,700	Hanson	9,700	Scot Newsll	860
Boots	2,900	Hawker Siddeley	855	Sears	4,300
BPB Ind	629	Hillsdown	3,000	Sedgwick Gp	2,600
BPCC	2,000	Imp Chem Ind	2,600	Shell	7,800
Br Aerospace	1,100	Imp Cont Gas	2,200	Smith & Nephew	4,300
Br Airways	----	Jaguar	2,400	STC	5,000
Br Gas	21,000	Ladbroke	6,000	Stan Chart	1,100
Br Petroleum	8,200	Land Securities	1,600	Storehouse	4,900
Br Telecom	5,400	Legal & Gen	984	Sun Alliance	718
Bntoll	4,000	Lloyds	1,700	Tarmac	528
Bunzl	776	Lonhro	1,500	TSB P/P	3,800
Burton	27,000	Marks & Spencer	2,700	Tesco	248
Cable & Wireless	3,000	MEPC	4,200	Thorn EMI	901
Cadbury Schwep	3,800	Midland	1,500	Trafalgar House	1,300
Coats Viyella	240	Nat West	2,500	Trusthouse Forte	1,200
Com Union	5,600	P & O Dfrd	952	Unigate	1,300
Cons Goldfields	619	Pearson	161	Unilever	251
Cookson Gp	291	Pilkington Bros	260	Utd Biscuits	1,500
Courtaulds	347	Plessey	3,400	Wellcome	5,000
Dee Corp	1,800	Prudential	1,500	Willis Faber	440
Dixons Gp	594	Racal Elect	12,000	Whitbread 'A'	4,200
English China	733	Rank Org	2,100	Woolworth	131
Fisons	1,400	Rank Hovis	1,400		

COMMENT

Why Aids speculators need Wellcome reality

The relentless rise of Wellcome shares brings to mind nothing so much as the mad days of the Aussie nickel boom in the late 1960s. On the back of the Aids treatment AZT, Wellcome shares have been in something akin to vertical takeoff since the turn of the year.

Whoever the speculators behind this rise have been listening to, it certainly has not been the company itself. Wellcome has been somewhat embarrassed by the gigantic over-reaction to a treatment which it admits freely has many problems. Among the side effects are a particularly virulent form of anaemia which in the opinion of most medical men can be worse than the affliction itself.

For this reason AZT is recommended only as a treatment suitable for terminal cases of Aids, when frankly the negative side effects may be worth the risk. In practical terms, this means that AZT may be relevant to perhaps 6,000 sufferers in the US and around 300 in Britain. A full year's course of treatment costs $8,000 (£5,063) so that an optimistic estimate of revenue over the next year or so is a mere $4 million. According to the medical profession, Wellcome has priced its drug on margins that are way below the norms for an industry which needs to sustain a heavy research and development effort.

It should be a sobering thought for the speculators that there are perhaps a dozen other drugs designed for the treatment of Aids which in the next few years will be competing on the market place with AZT. The Roche group is believed to have a product which potentially at least may prove far superior.

Yet almost solely on the strength of AZT, Wellcome's market capitalization has soared by close on £3 billion since the tail end of last year.

Several leading analyst now rate the stock as a strong "sell" even though they consider the group's growth prospects, not due to AZT, to be among the best in the pharmaceuticals sector.

Optimistic estimates of the present value of Wellcome's profits from AZT over the next five years or so are not much higher than £150 million. On the basis of that £3 billion gain in market capitalization, the speculators have been paying for their investment in AZT on the basis of more than 40 times earnings. That is out of touch with reality and Wellcome shares, standing on a 160 per cent premium to the market ratings, are too high to justify on sensible grounds.

An Alpha plus for BAA

The outstandingly successful flotation of British Airways shattered a number of myths. One of the strongest was that unfamiliarity might breed contempt.

Before BA there were no significant British investor interest in airline shares, no common yardsticks for their valuation and a fair degree of apprehension about whether institutions would warm to the risks inherent in the business.

The success of BA should prove encouraging to the confusingly titled BAA, which is hopeful of being privatized this summer. BAA, which will continue to be far better known in its old guise as the British Airports Authority, is, in its way, as much a one-off investment as BA. It is partly a property company receiving rental income from concessionaires, who sell duty-free and taxable goods on BAA property or who provide catering, car hire and car parking facilities. It is partly a service company, deriving fees from the use of its runways, aircraft parking facilities and other services.

The commercial income is geared to retailing operations. But both commercial and traffic revenues are a function of the passenger volumes through airports and terminals.

Even before privatisation, the financial record looks good, in fact a model of stability and consistency compared with BA's. Costs in both the commercial and traffic operations have been growing at between 2½ and 3 per cent compound over the past five years. This is well below the growth rates of traffic inflation and overall revenues. Pretax profits on the historic cost convention have been rising at around 12 per cent compound during the same period, though the recession of the early 1980s produced some fluctuations.

BAA is blessed with an immensely strong balance sheet which shows a mere £70 million of loans in its £712 million of capital employed. Freehold properties amount to more than £300 million. Its capital spend of more than £600 million in the past five years has been almost entirely self-generated.

According to estimates compiled by County Securities, which is advising the Government on the flotation, traffic growth of around 5 per cent per annum looks possible over the next decade. Hybrid or not, BAA has many of the qualities that should attract institutional investors. It is difficult to disagree with County's view that BAA will prove a unique and high quality investment, worth incidentally double the price earnings rating on which the far more glamorous BA was launched.

John Bell
City Editor

TEMPUS

Rights issue will swing the odds back into Ladbroke's favour

The usually acquisitive Mr Cyril Stein of Ladbroke Group may have decided to step back from major bid action for now, but that does not mean there is not a lot of room for the selective building of the group's four core businesses.

Yesterday's £294 million rights issue will provide the company with scope to do just that without increasing the debt burden.

The proceeds will reduce the company's gearing – which rose last year from 61 per cent to 77 per cent – to a modest 25 per cent and dramatically reverse the size of its interest charges which cost £29.4 million last year, more than double the previous year's level. There will be a reduction of around £28 million this year.

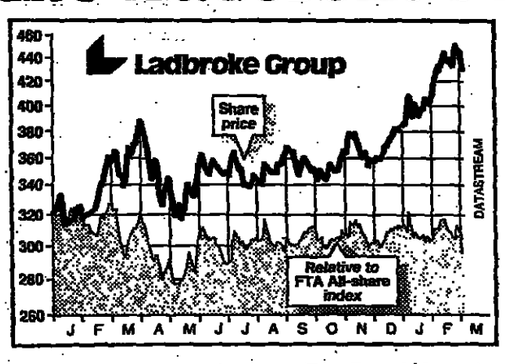
This led to some rapid recalculations yesterday of the possible outcome for the current year and already bullish estimates of £120 million-plus have been revised to £150 million.

The percentage tax charges is expected to remain unchanged, and despite the 81 million shares which are going on the share register, the dilution will not be enough to halt a rise in the earnings per share to about 28p, according to most forcasts.

Trading outlook for Ladbroke certainly looks bright enough in the current year. Texas Homecare has already benefited from some tightening of financial controls and the drive now is for more customer satisfaction. The chain will benefit also from the opening programme which will provide good economies of scale.

The results of the betting shops have shown already what a little more customer comfort can do while the introduction of live satellite coverage in Britain this year will attract even more customers.

The size of the impact of the dollar on property is an open quesiton but the company borrows in dollars so that it is only the translation of profits that has to be considered.



The American tourist trade should not be a problem for the hotels this year although there will have to be some strong marketing to counteract the weaker dollar. After the initial reaction to the rights issue, the shares look sound enough.

Mount Charlotte

Last summer Mount Charlotte Investments, the hotel group, backed out of a £500 million merger with Pleasurama, the casino operator, aimed at creating a massive new leisure conglomerate.

It appeared the institutions suddenly cooled on the prospect of Mount Charlotte, which has steadily been nursed back to respectability during the past decade, being submerged as a junior partner in the new enterprise.

Now it is back on the right track and yesterday confirmed speculation by emerging as the £41 million bidder for London Park Hotels, formerly the Rowton Hotels business.

It is a shrewd and logical deal for Mount Charlotte, turning it into the second largest hotel group in the country, giving it an even split in business between London and the provinces.

Mount Charlotte has shown it knows how to make money out of London hotel rooms. It was one of the first hotel companies in Britian to divert its marketing from the United States to Europe and the Far East before the shockwaves of the Libyan bombing and the disaster at Chernobyl decimated occupancy levels last year.

In the past the company has traded at a discount to the rest of the sector.

But it produces some of the highest margins in the industry, a talent it is now expected to exercise on the clutch of London Park hotels, two of which are undergoing extensive refurbishment.

The deal is a particularly good one for Mount Charlotte in that there is a dearth of London hotel rooms and it has mopped up one of the few remaining groups likely to come on the market. As the British hotel market, particularly London, becomes more resilient to international fluctuations in trade the sector looks assured of a profitable time ahead.

London and Northern

Thicker and thicker grows the plot at London and Northern. But, unless something dramatic happens this weekend, it is in danger of losing one of its principal characters at lunchtime on Monday.

That is when Demerger Two's £90 million offer for L&N, which was where the extraordinary affair began last December, will expire. Unless, that is, a new bidder emerges in the meantime, which is highly unlikely, or the L&N board executes a remarkable volte-face and decides to back the break-up proposals, which is not quite as unlikely as it may seem.

To recapitulate on the story so far, Demerger Two's bid eventually won grudging approval from the L&N boardroom for its 81p a share cash terms, but not for its all-paper offer. By February 24 it was claiming acceptances of 63.83 per cent, together with purchases of 1.38 per cent in the market. Needing 90 per cent to go unconditional, it extended the offer to 1pm on March 9 – and closed the cash offer.

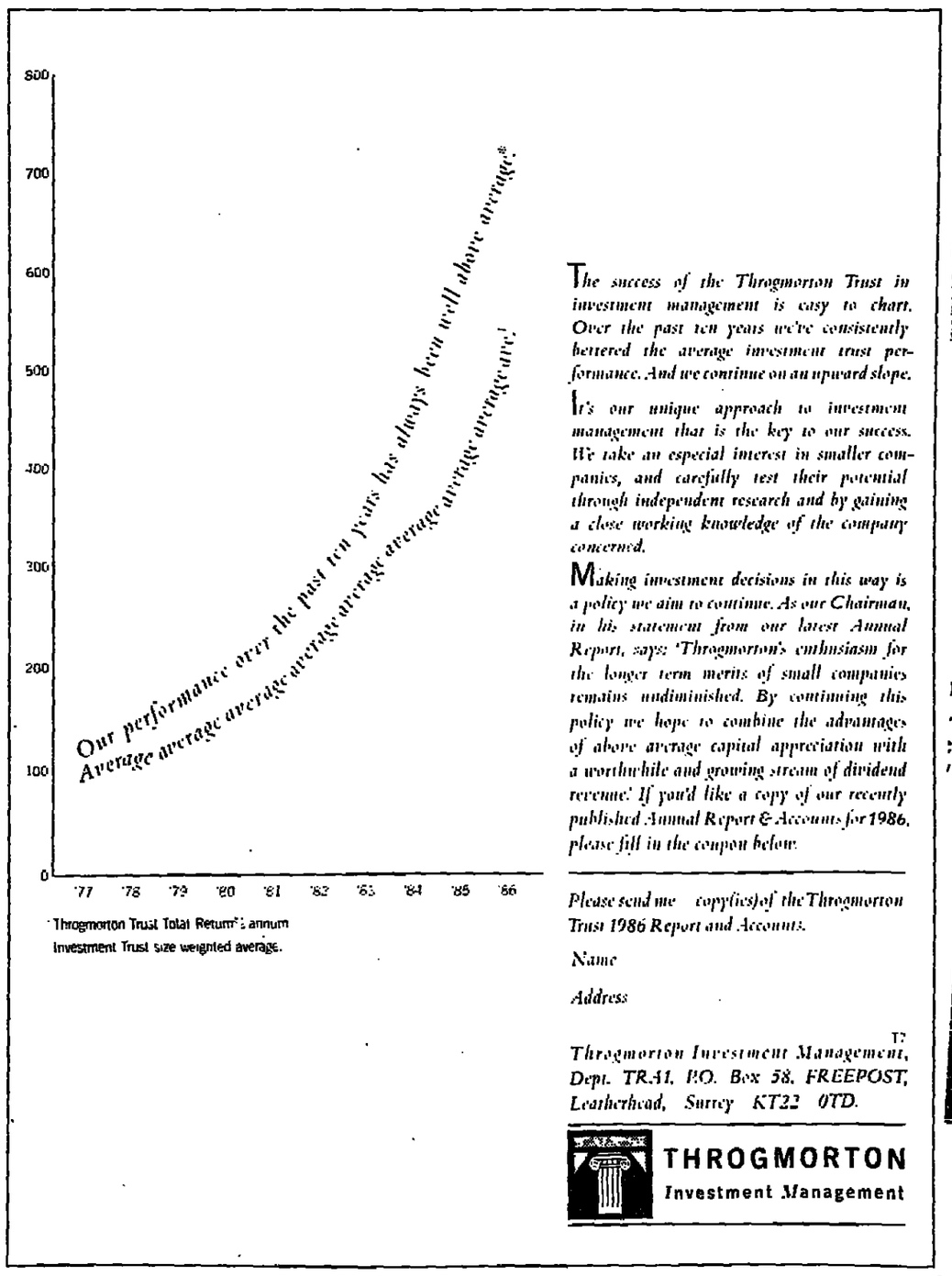
L&N, forced to admit to dreadful trading experiences in the past year and threatening to axe the final dividend, still refused to commit its 3 per cent shareholding to Demerger, or to recommend the Demerger paper which was all that remained on the table.

Enter Winterbottom Trust, a mysterious investment company from Perth. Winterbottom snapped up a 4½ per cent stake in L&N and threatened to block the Demerger bid.

That brought in the aggressive Evered group, which had hoped to buy some L&N interests until convinced that the Demerger plan was failing. It bought 14.99 per cent of L&N, listened to Demerger's ideas and set off to talk to the L&N board.

The Abdullah brothers who run Evered continue to play their cards close to their chests but clearly believe L&N contains some treasures they hope to unlock. Effectively they have grabbed the cudgels from the institutions, most of which, upset at the thought of losing the final dividend, had accepted Demerger's cash offer and were expected to start bashing a few heads in the L&N boardroom.

Evered may have greater clout than the fund managers here, but not the same will to support Demerger. And so the Demerger team have finally become mere spectators. Remaining L&N shareholders will need a little nerve, but should watch and wait themselves.



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European Capital	93.5	99.4	-0.1	1.25
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Equities Progress	255.9	272.2	+0.2	2.55
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UK Special Sits	272.5	288.9e	-1.5	2.77
Growth & Income	158.6	168.1	-0.7	3.05
Capital Trust	269.1	284.2	-1.6	2.43
Balanced	431.6	457.7	-2.3	2.90
Accum Trust	669.4	699.0	-5.0	2.60
American Income	93.2	98.4e	+0.1	4.21
High Income Tst	398.5	310.0e	-0.4	4.20
Equity Income	166.1	176.1	-0.4	4.25
High Yield	169.5	179.7	-0.3	4.85
Govt Sects Trust	29.9	31.2	+0.3	7.92
International	101.7	108.2e	+0.3	0.97
Japan Fund	136.9	137.0	-0.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	211.7	225.4	+0.1	0.07
Amer Spcl Sits	72.7	77.4c	+0.5	1.23
Secs Of Amer Tst	235.1	240.6	+2.5	0.47
Ald Asset Value	276.8	293.4	-0.8	2.96
Conv & Gilt Trust	46.0	42.3	+0.1	5.58
Smaller Co's	180.0	189.6	+3.4	2.57
2nd Smaller Co's	197.4	209.2e	+1.2	1.91
Recovery Trust	100.9	107.0	-0.3	2.42
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Japan Ex. (43)	452.1	471.4e	..	0.20
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P Int Pens Intl	576.6	600.8	..	..
P Int Pens UK	223.1	234.9	..	..
BG America	184.5	196.3	+0.7	0.00
BG Energy	179.9	191.4	+1.2	1.77
BG Income Growth	241.3	256.8e	..	4.47
BG Japan	162.0	216.6	-0.3	0.00
BG Technology	188.2	200.3	-2.9	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
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01-374 6801				
American	52.7	56.1	+0.4	1.85
Australian	24.6	26.2	+0.1	1.55
Japan & General	125.0	133.0	+0.3	0.05
High Income	52.1	55.7	..	5.41
International Trust	89.2	94.9	+0.3	0.84
Income Gth Tst	58.6	62.4	-0.5	3.29
Gilts & Fixed Int	21.9	22.4	..	9.81
Global Markets	38.2	40.7	..	1.33
Special Situations	54.7	58.2	..	1.91
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	95.9	101.4	..	1.09
Aust Accum	210.9	223.1	..	0.55
Do Income	148.7	157.3	..	0.55
Capital	84.2	89.1e	..	2.50
Exempt Trust	525.5	556.0	..	3.54
Extra Income	90.0	95.2	..	4.60
Financial	268.4	281.8	..	2.89
500	323.8	342.1e	..	2.61
General	168.2	177.9	..	2.72
Gilt & Fixed Inc	83.7	85.5e	..	9.71
Japan & Gen Inc	191.3	202.4c	..	0.00
Do Acc	193.5	204.7c	..	0.00
Growth Accum	205.5	218.5e	..	2.09
Income Trust	407.4	431.1e	..	3.38
Leisure Trust	95.5	101.0e	..	1.53
Special Situations	173.7	185.9	..	1.77
Recovery	248.4	262.8	..	2.12
Trustee Fund	127.7	135.1	..	2.53
Unir Tech Accum	59.1	63.5	..	0.00
Do Income	59.5	62.9	..	0.00
Worldwide Trust	164.9	162.9	..	1.25
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
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01-658 9002				
Australia	88.3	92.2	+0.2	0.30
Eastern	76.2	84.7e	..	0.20
Equity Income	69.5	73.9	+0.5	4.80
Europe	139.2	148.0	+0.5	1.00
Exempt Trust	22.5	24.0c	..	..
Growth & Inc	73.7	78.1e	-0.3	3.60
Global Gth	68.5	70.1	-0.4	2.30
Japan Special	111.3	118.7e	+0.5	0.30
Japan Sunrise	94.8	100.7c	-0.6	0.30
First Europe	118.2	125.7	+0.7	0.88
First Japan	89.6	95.4	+0.5	1.10
First N Amer	98.1	104.4	+0.4	1.10
First Smaller Co's	83.9	89.2	+0.3	2.70
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Amer Smlr Co Inc	69.0	72.8e	+0.5	0.82
Do Accum	70.8	74.7e	+0.4	0.82
European Inc	100.9	106.5	+0.3	1.39
Do Accum	124.5	131.3	+0.4	1.39
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	25.7	27.1e	+0.2	1.80
Do Accum	33.1	34.9	+0.2	1.80
General Inc	197.5	208.4	+1.8	2.50
Do Accum	273.1	288.1	+2.6	2.50
Gbl Yield Inc	119.8	126.3	+0.7	10.19
Do Accum	182.5	198.4	+1.1	10.19
High Yield Inc	108.8	114.8	+1.2	4.90
Do Accum	220.8	233.1	+2.3	4.90
Int Rec Inc	110.9	117.0	+0.8	0.94
Do Accum	125.3	132.2	+0.3	1.76
Japan Inc	242.1	255.4	+0.3	0.36
Do Accum	243.8	257.2	+0.3	0.36
Japanese Spec Inc	109.1	115.1e	+0.1	0.27
Do Accum	109.5	115.5e	+0.1	0.27
N American Inc	59.1	62.4	+0.6	0.54
Do Accum	69.7	72.5	+0.7	0.54
Pacific Inc	146.8	154.7	-0.8	0.57
Do Accum	165.2	174.3	-0.9	0.57
Planned Investment	153.9	162.7	+1.9	3.31
Smaller Co's Inc	105.7	111.5	+1.0	0.92
Do Accum	126.0	132.9	+1.1	0.92
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UK Equity Gth Inc	33.7	35.6e	..	0.49
Do Accum	55.9	59.0e	+0.1	0.49
Worldwide Tech Inc	48.3	51.0e	..	0.00
Do Accum	48.8	51.5	-0.2	0.00
KB High Yield Inc	152.3	160.7	+0.7	4.74
Do Accum	257.9	272.1	+1.1	4.74
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Ferrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
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Financial	155.2	•	..	2.19
Smaller Co's Acc	301.8	319.4	+0.8	..
Do Income	182.8	203.6	+0.5	0.77
High Income	90.3	95.9e	..	4.90
Income	92.9	98.4	..	4.00
Man Portfolio Inc	83.6	89.4e	..	2.28
Do Acc	149.8	151.6e	..	..
North American	63.3	67.7	..	1.28
Orient	91.8	98.2	..	0.39
Exempt	276.0	295.1	..	2.09
Recovery	66.8	70.1	..	1.21
German	30.8	33.0	..	0.48
Technology	135.6	145.0	..	0.29
Europe	22.5	24.0c	..	0.77
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
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Fellowship Inc	61.8	65.7e	..	2.20
General Inc (4)	261.8	268.0	+2.6	1.89
Do Accum (4)	163.9	175.1	+4.2	1.89
Income Fund (9)	125.0	130.6	..	4.73

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Do Accum (3)	223.4	233.3	..	4.73
Ind Inc (2)	139.6	157.4e	..	0.66
Do Accum (2)	260.9	299.9e	..	0.66
Smaller Inc (5)	78.6	83.0c	..	1.82
Do Accum	84.4	89.2c	..	1.82
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CS Japan Fund	93.2	99.1	+0.6	0.50
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Income	267.5	400.7	+2.7	4.00
Far East	251.8	266.5	-0.7	0.24
North American	172.3	182.3	+2.3	0.80
Global	55.9	59.2e	-0.1	0.77
European	99.8	89.6	-0.2	1.27
Japan	81.0	84.5	-0.2	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
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01-621 0011				
Capital	421.4	448.4	-8.8	1.55
Income	342.9	364.8	-0.9	4.12
North American	325.0	345.8	+2.8	1.07
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Fixed Int	143.35		..	9.98
Deposit	100.0		..	10.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP				
01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	62.2	65.8	+0.9	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	443.46		..	4.40
Accum	£13,3437		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	11.00
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Growth	28.2	29.9	+0.3	1.90
Equity High Income	58.3	58.9e	-0.1	3.70
Gilt/Fixed Interest	51.4	54.3	+0.1	9.03
General Equity	49.0	51.9	-0.1	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	31.0	32.7	+0.4	9.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.2	29.9e	+0.3	9.60
Intl Inc Trst	25.6	27.1	-0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	37.0	39.2	-0.1	0.80
Pedigree Gth	30.2	32.0	-0.1	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	55.5	59.4	..	2.87
Do Accum	55.5	59.4	..	2.87
Income Inc	55.1	59.0	..	4.19
Do Accum	55.1	59.0	..	4.19
Worldwide Inc	52.6	56.3	..	1.74
Do Accum	52.6	56.3	..	1.74
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1956				
E uro G rth & Inst	77.6	82.2	..	0.65
Extra Income	204.5	216.5	..	4.06
Financial	200.1	211.8e	..	2.15
5th East Asia Gth	79.8	84.5e	..	1.65
Growth Investment	268.6	274.2	..	3.59
Income & Growth	50.1	53.0e	..	3.78
Japanese Growth	224.1	237.2	..	0.50
Nth Amer Growth	114.1	120.7	..	0.76
Pref & Security	130.9	138.2	..	7.67
Smaller Co's	274.5	290.5e	..	1.62
Global Inc Tst	63.0	66.7e	..	6.11
Special Sits Acc	348.6	368.8	..	1.24
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
High Income Trust	299.6	318.7	-0.6	4.69
Growth Trust	277.0	294.7e	-1.8	2.44
American Trust	143.2	152.3	+1.6	0.86
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Regate, Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
UK Income	57.6	61.5e	-0.7	4.72
UK Growth Accum	67.8	72.2e	..	2.41
Do Dist	58.9	62.7e	+0.1	2.41
European Growth	63.4	67.5	+0.1	1.86
Pacific Growth	61.6	65.6	-0.5	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	78.7	80.5	..	1.24
Capital Fund	129.8	138.2	..	1.29
Growth & Inc Fund	162.9	173.4e	..	3.87
High Dist Fund	139.4	148.4	..	4.55
International Fund	232.9	248.0	..	0.91
Pacific Fund	26.0	..	..	1.00
Resources Fund	28.9	30.7c	..	0.33
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	32.0	34.0	..	..
Tokyo Fund	188.8	201.0	..	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	152.9	157.1	..	1.92
(Ex) Japan (3)	113.1	115.2	..	0.00
(Ex) Pacific (4)	342.8	352.7e	..	0.26
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	187.2	193.3	..	0.10
Eurofund	27.6	29.4	..	1.70
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	86.8	92.1	-0.8	2.57
Do Accum	86.1	94.5	-0.8	2.51
UK Growth Accum	113.6	120.5	-0.3	1.70
UK High Inc Inc	83.7	88.8	-0.9	3.93
N American Accum	77.7	82.5	+0.8	0.54
Far Eastern Accum	118.5	126.1	-2.0	0.69
European Accum	90.4	96.4	-0.7	1.19
UK Gilt & Fl Inc	85.7	89.1	+0.5	9.29
Do Accum	89.3	92.9	+0.8	7.79
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western				
Road, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708-68865				
Endurance	127.6	135.8	..	2.63
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester				
061-236 5865				
Equitable Pelican	92.6	98.5	-0.5	2.86
High Income Trust	85.6	85.4	-0.3	4.66
Gilt & Fixed Int	82.7	86.1	+0.3	8.17
Tst Of Inv Trusts	84.0	89.4e	+0.3	1.82
Special Sits Trust	95.3	101.4	-0.5	3.01
Nth Amer Trust	66.3	70.6	+1.0	1.50
Far Eastern Trust	106.5	113.3	-0.4	0.40
Ind Growth	59.5	63.3e	..	1.02

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far Eastern Fund	78.0	83.0	..	0.00
Overseas Income	76.8	80.7	..	3.38
Fixed Interest	59.7	63.5	..	10.23
Natural Res Fund	59.2	63.0	..	2.74
European Income	85.3	90.7e	..	2.79
Financials Fund	54.7	58.2	..	2.58
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
041-352 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	58.9	62.7	+0.3	1.40
Do Accum	59.2	64.0	+0.2	..
Income Gth Inc	50.5	53.7	-0.2	5.26
Do Accum	54.1	57.5	-0.5	..
Service Co's Inc	65.3	69.5	+0.3	1.00
Do Accum	65.3	69.5	+0.3	..
Higher Inc	28.3	30.1	+0.4	7.09
Do acc	28.3	30.1	+0.4	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	120.6	128.4	+1.8	0.56
Amer Equity Income	35.5	37.8	..	4.86
Amer Special Sits	57.2	60.9	-0.1	0.02
Australia	38.5	40.6	+1.1	2.87
European	51.0	54.0	-0.3	..
Far East Inc	38.2	40.5	+0.1	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Int	30.8	32.7	+0.1	10.15
Growth & Income	116.7	124.2	+1.4	3.86
Japan Special Sits	48.4	51.7e	+0.6	..
Japan	182.7	192.5	+1.3	..
International Inc	155.8	165.8e	+1.1	0.21
Max Income Equity	100.2	105.7e	+0.6	4.27
Recovery Fund	48.3	51.6	..	1.39
South East Asia	48.5	51.6	..	0.01
Special Sits	221.1	235.5	+2.6	0.08
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
25, Cornhill, London EC3A 8AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£385.4	402.2c	..	1.11
Japan Exempt	£488.5	488.1	..	0.76
Ath Property Tst	$10000.9		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2003.0		..	5.80
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London				
EC2M 5NQ				
01-588 5161				
Amer & Gen Inc	230.4	243.8	+1.4	..
Do Accum	234.4	248.1	+0.8	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	228.2	241.4	+0.3	1.16
Do Accum	230.7	250.4	+0.3	1.16
Capital Gth Inc	260.0	275.1	+0.3	1.81
Do Accum	316.9	335.3	+0.9	1.81
Conv & Gilt Inc	101.2	107.0	+0.1	4.73
Do Accum	137.8	145.8	+0.2	4.73
Enterprise Inc	67.9	71.8	-0.1	1.63
Do Accum	67.9	71.8	-0.1	1.63
Extra Inc Tst-Inc	203.2	215.0e	-0.1	9.73
Do Accum	222.3	235.0e	-0.2	9.73
Financial Accum	54.0	57.6	..	1.00
Do Inc	54.5	57.6	..	1.00
Income Trust	149.5	158.1	-0.2	3.33
Do Accum	169.2	178.9	-0.2	3.33
Int. Growth Fd Inc	178.5	188.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	198.2	209.7	+0.1	..
Japan & Gen Inc	180.3	190.1e	+0.1	0.07
Do Accum	181.2	197.7e	..	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	108.0	112.1e	+0.2	4.02
Recovery	185.6	196.4e	+1.6	1.21
Do Accum	202.6	214.3e	+1.1	1.21
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885050				
FP Equity Dist	240.7	255.5	..	2.28
Do Accum	405.6	430.5	..	2.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	113.3	122.5	..	5.98
Do Accum	136.2	144.8	..	5.98
Stewardship Dist	206.2	219.0	..	1.49
Do Accum	219.4	232.9	..	1.49
FP North American	139.2	148.9e	..	1.20
FP Pacific Basin	189.3	200.7e	..	0.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-628 9431				
Amer Special Sits	72.9	77.3	+1.4	0.50
UK Cap Fund Inc	127.7	135.5e	-1.1	2.20
Do Accum	185.0	196.9e	-1.5	2.20
Income Fund	92.2	98.1e	-0.2	5.50
Pension Exempt	272.0	227.0e	+0.7	0.30
International	167.5	186.4e	+0.7	0.30
US & General	59.3	63.1	+1.2	0.70
Japan & General	260.8	277.6	+1.1	0.10
Far East & Gen	141.8	150.7	+0.1	0.10
European Fund	229.2	256.4e	+1.4	0.10
Germany Fund	85.3	69.5	+1.0	1.00
Ind Inc Fund	54.1	57.5	-0.3	4.30
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623				
5806				
American Trust	94.4	99.9	+1.3	0.70
Australian Trust	30.4	32.2	+0.2	0.40
British Tst Accum	78.7	83.3e	..	1.82
Do Inc	78.3	82.9e	+0.1	1.82
Commodity Share	83.4	87.9	+4.0	1.50
European Trust	55.2	58.5e	-0.3	0.89
Extra Income Trust	69.2	82.7	-0.1	4.80
Far Eastern Trust	89.2	94.5	+0.4	0.10
Fixed Interest Fund	28.6	29.2	+0.1	9.19
Frontier Mkts	23.8	25.0	..	0.75
Ind Fixed Int Tst	25.2	26.7c	..	9.80
Global Fund Accum	188.5	210.4	-0.7	0.41
Do Dist	188.5	199.9	-0.7	0.41
Gold Share Trust	18.9	20.2	..	1.91
Hedged American	36.8	39.0	..	0.50
High Income Trust	169.0	177.0e	..	5.00
Income Growth	39.5	42.3e	-1.5	1.39
Income Fund	94.1	99.6e	-0.5	2.97
Japan Trust	138.6	147.2	+1.0	0.00
Managed Exempt	304.0	317.6	+1.9	2.70
Gilt & Fixed Int	40.3	42.4e	+1.9	2.70
Special Sits Trust	129.3	136.9	+0.2	0.63
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	95.8	101.4	-0.1	0.80
Cheltenham UK	26.2	27.5	-0.4	2.00
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N				
1DA				
01-588 5820				
Ind Growth	97.5	103.7	-0.5	1.01
American Growth	73.0	77.6	+0.6	1.00
American Inc	73.9	78.5e	+0.6	4.18
European Growth	231.5	247.2	-1.5	0.84
Gold & Minerals	59.7	64.5	+1.2	0.53
Japan Growth	151.2	161.7	-1.2	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 9803				
Gilt & Fixed Int	119.2	123.9e	+1.1	9.83
Growth Equity	247.1	261.5	-1.0	1.72
Guardial	349.3	369.7e	..	2.21
N American	159.3	165.8	+3.0	0.97
Pacific	238.0	266.5	+1.0	0.00
Property Shares	333.1	352.5e	+0.2	1.15
Smaller Companies	262.3	277.8	+0.5	1.48
European Trust	276.5	292.6	..	0.48
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P				
3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	62.9	67.5	..	5.30
N Amer Trust	120.6	128.3c	..	0.70
Recovery	271.9	288.5	..	2.84
Gilt Trust	38.9	40.3e	..	0.57
St Vincent Inc	97.7	100.7e	..	4.64
St Vincent US Gth	76.8	81.9e	..	0.72
Temple Bar Sp Sc Co's	226.2	238.8	..	2.95
Euro Gth Tst	50.3	53.3e	-0.1	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood,				
Essex.				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	163.2	173.2e	+0.5	1.50
Hambros N Amer	72.4	76.8	+0.9	0.85
Hambros Jap & F E	136.4	144.7	-0.9	0.41
Hambros Selection	91.6	96.5	-0.5	0.83
Hambros European	104.5	110.9	-0.5	0.83

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Canadian	95.8	99.0	+0.7	1.10
Hambros Equity Inc	109.5	110.2	..	4.25
Hambros High Inc	73.2	77.7c	+0.3	4.50
Hambros Pac Asset	71.2	75.5e	+0.3	1.68
Hambros Int Sits	81.5	86.2	+0.1	0.77
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 6, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	118.5	122.9	..	0.16
Amer Smaller Co's	95.1	99.7	..	0.01
Australian	92.1	98.1	..	1.54
Capital Growth Inc	72.6	77.2	..	1.40
Do Accum	84.5	89.7	..	1.40
European	271.9	289.3	..	0.78
Euro Inc Tst	413.6	431.7	..	4.41
Euro Smaller Co's	112.6	119.8	..	0.55
Extra Income	212.1	225.8e	..	3.56
Financial Trust	184.7	196.5	..	2.40
Fixed Interest Tst	83.2	88.4e	..	9.72
Gilt Trust	42.8	45.5e	..	9.23
Global Healthcare	87.1	93.7	..	0.01
Global Inc.&Gth	65.6	69.8	..	4.44
Global Resources	101.1	107.6e	..	1.51
Global Tech	121.7	129.6	..	0.64
Gold	72.2	76.8e	..	0.02
High Income Tst	200.1	344.9e	..	3.88
Hong Kong	73.5	78.2	..	0.64
Income & Growth Inc	180.0	191.5	..	2.88
Do Accum	267.9	285.0	..	2.88
Income Assets	132.8	141.1e	..	3.52
International	199.9	212.7	..	0.74
Japan Special Sits	189.7	209.2	..	0.01
Japan Tst	177.9	189.2e	..	0.01
North American	156.1	166.1	..	0.52
Pacific Smaller Co's	86.1	91.6	..	1.66
Prel & Gilt	47.8	51.0e	..	9.74
Recovery Tst	138.1	144.8e	..	2.15
Singapore & Malay	38.8	41.1e	..	1.51
Smaller Co's Dir	147.2	156.6e	..	4.16
Special Sits Inc	173.3	184.4e	..	0.03
Spec Sits Accum	244.4	260.2e	..	0.03
Worldwide	463.5	477.4	..	1.91
Euro Exempt	131.4	136.3c	..	1.38
Global Tech Exempt	98.0	104.3	..	0.85
High Income Exempt	148.8	157.5e	..	4.16
Japan Exempt	186.7	196.5e	..	0.03
N Amer Exempt	84.4	89.4	..	1.53
Pacific Exempt	204.2	214.9	..	0.03
Smaller Co's Exempt	144.5	152.1	..	1.89
Best of British	42.5	44.7	..	1.74
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 9855 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	680.7	699.2	-8.5	2.57
Capital Trust Units	118.3	125.2e	+2.2	2.26
Dollar Trust Units	237.6	218.7	+3.8	2.20
Eagle Trust Units	67.9	71.8	+1.1

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1	BTP	Chemicals,Plas	
2	Alphameric	Electricals	
3	Executex Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
4	County 'B'	Property	
5	Higgs & Hill	Building,Roads	
6	Metals Exp	Mining	
7	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
8	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
9	Whitbread Inv	Breweries	
10	Sumrie Clothes	Drapery,Stores	
11	House of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
12	Turriff	Building,Roads	
13	CRA	Mining	
14	Blick	Electricals	
15	Asda	Property	
16	Priest Marians	Property	
17	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
18	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
20	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
21	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
22	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
23	Microgen	Electricals	
24	Speyhawk	Property	
25	Tibbet & Britten	Drapery,Stores	
26	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
27	Redbrook Hldgs	Chemicals,Plas	
28	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
29	Rosehaugh	Property	
30	Hutchsn Whampoa	Industrials E-K	
31	Wmarsh	Banks,Discount	
32	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
33	Concap	Electricals	
34	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
35	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
36	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
37	Newarthill	Building,Roads	
38	Windsmoor	Drapery,Stores	
39	Smallshaw (R)	Textiles	
40	Minorco	Mining	
41	Western Areas	Mining	
42	Time Products	Drapery,Stores	
43	Uid Lensing	Electricals	
44	Gr Portland	Property	

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BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
405	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	403	406	+10	14.5	3.6	10.5
344	268	Bass (aa)	340	343	+5	24.5	7.2	17.4
765	722	Bell	760	765	+5	18	2.3	17.8
		Boddington	141	143		4.3	3.0	13.8
		Brown (Matthew)	200p	205p		20.0	9.7	20.7
		Burtons	143	145		14.3	10	10.3
		Chrysalis (H. P.)	71	74		2.7	4.1	16.2
		Ind Cavendish Brew	127	132		4.3	3.3	22.1
		Clark (Matthew)	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Devenish (J) 'A'	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Greene King	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Ind Scottish (Ex)	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Hardys & Hansons	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Highland Dist	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Irvine Dist	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Matthew Thompson	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Morland	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		S A Brewries	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Scot & Nwcstle	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Tennent (C)	121	124		4.3	3.5	17.7
		Vaux Group	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Do 'A'	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Wadworth	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Whitbread 'A' (aa)	115	115		4.5	3.9	15.5
		Do 'B'	115	115		4.5	3.9	15.5
		Youngs Ord Inv	110	115		4.3	3.7	15.2
		Wolverhampton & D	141	144		5.1	3.5	19.4
		Young 'A'	141	144		11.4	7.9	22.7

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
245	188	Abbey	238	238	-2	11.6	5.0	21.5
205	212	Aberdeen Constr	208	212		16.4	10.7	17.7
195	140	Amec Ltd	48	51		7.1	14.9	
195	140	Ancillite	195	195		7.1	3.6	25.5
294	230	Ashtenden	294	294		10.3	3.5	22.5
390	280	Ashtead (aa)	390	390		14.3	3.7	25.2
210	170	Bardon Hill	210	210		8.4	4.0	17.2
170	118	Beck	170	170		6.4	3.8	16.3
152	92	Bellway	152	152		6.4	4.2	13.7
690	575	Bewsbergs	690	690		25.5	3.7	24.4
154	75	Bicknells Secretry	154	154		5.1	3.3	19.8
275	165	Br Telecom (aa)	248	251		11.2	4.5	14.6
112	78	Brunel Brown Kent	106	112		5.08	4.5	10.5
19½	11	Budgen (AF) 'A'	16	17		0.1p	0.6	29.5
293	158	CAP Group	186	200		2.9	1.2	27.6
156	80	CRSE	87	92				7.5
366	277	Cable Wireless (aa)	348	354		7.2	2.1	18.7
348	195	Carpenter Elec	267	280		10.6	3.7	17.4
		Chubb	97	99				18.3
		Clarke Nickolls	111	114		4.3	3.8	15.2
		Comb Tech	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Comet Group	168	172		6.4	3.7	16.2
		Cookson	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Crystalate	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		DRT Group	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Dawson Elec	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Do 'A'	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Dowsett	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Downing & Mills	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Dunlop	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Eagle Tst	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Electrocomponents	168	172		6.4	3.7	16.2
		Electronic Mach	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Electronic Rentals	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Emess Lighting	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Ericsson	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		FKI Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Ferranti Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Ferranti	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Ferry Tech	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Fidelity (aa)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Gresham Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Hall Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Do 'A'	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Hawkins & Tipson	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Hazeltine	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Hodge & Hancock	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Holmes Dent	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Hopkinsons Dent	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Ilkeston Thompson	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Imperial	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Jackson Group	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Jones Stroud	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Kode	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Lec Refrigeration	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Legrand	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		MK Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Marconi	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Micro Bit	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Micro Focus	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Microgen	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Miles 20	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Mitel	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Molins Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Monks Elect	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Monmark (Louis)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		NEI	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Nexus	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Oxford Instruments	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		PA Technology	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Pegasus	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Philips Fin 5½%	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Philips Lamps M/V	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Plessey	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Do 'A' Ltd Voting	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Plessey (aa)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Do NOR 25	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Pressac	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Racal Electronics	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Racal Ered (aa)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Scantronic	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Scimitar (SH)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Siebe Plc	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Smiths Industries	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Spectrum Digital	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Spirent	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Stanley Elec	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Sumitomo Elec	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Systems Designers	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		TI Group	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Telephone Rentals	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Telemetrix	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Thorn EMI (aa)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Tunstall	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Vinten	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Vitec	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wace	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wadkin	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wallis	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Watmore	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Watson & Philip	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wayne Tank	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wellman Eng	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wellworthy	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wessex Electronic	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Westinghouse Brake	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Whessoe	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wilkinson Match	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Williams Hldgs	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wilson Connolly	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2
		Wimpey (George)	71	74		2.7	3.7	14.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
51½	36½	AKZO N/V Reptr	41½		+½	4.89	9.7	
290	195	Allied Colloids	278	284	+4	6.41	2.3	29.0
646	295	Amersham	646	646	-11	10.5	1.7	35.0
245	177	Anchor Chemical	240	245	+3	8.1	3.3	17.9
195	140	BTP	185	187	+3	7.9p	4.3	22.1
117½	77	Borax DM50	107½	108	+2	10.3	9.4	
178	100	Blagden	172	177		10.3	5.9	13.6
195	140	Brit Chems	185	187		8.6p	3.5	22.9
77	52	Br Borneo	77	77	+2	1.4	1.9	15.8
345	245	Cambrian (W)	345	345		14.3	4.1	24.1
345	245	Coates	333	335	-2	11.1	3.3	13.5
195	140	Coates Bros	187	189	-1½	7.9	4.2	14.9
		Do 'A'	191	191	-1½	7.9	4.1	15.1
291	127	Do (Warnock)	291	291		11.6	4.0	14.8
291	127	Croda	291	291		11.6	4.0	14.8
		Do Def	170	174	-1			
276	195	Ellis & Everard	270	275	-2	8.6	3.2	20.9
171	114	Fisons	168	169		6.4	3.8	16.1
276	195	Fosseo-Minerals	270	275		12.9	5.1	10.4
195	112	Hickson (James)	187	189	+7	7.1	3.8	15.5
345	245	Hickson	338	342	+2	21.9	4.1	13.8
96½	75½	Hickson DM50						
715	515	Ind Lloyd	715	718	+7	6.2	0.9	35.9
147	227	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	1425	1430	+5	51.4	3.6	14.7
516	333	Laporte	498	500	+2	12.6	2.5	28.7
141	99	Lawes	129	134		4.3	3.2	18.7
15½	11½	Monk Hydro	14	14				
195	118	Pryce	175	178	-1½	8.7	4.9	22.6
195	140	Rentokil Hldgs	148	154	+1	3.7	2.4	17.4
177	129	Rotaprint	177	177	+2	7.1	4.0	21.9
355	215	SHEA (pf)	355	355	+2			7.5
37	27	Scapa Spalding	28	30		1.7	5.7	8.8
211	178	Waddington Ord	211	211		11.4	5.4	13.9
240	88	Yorkshire Chem	235	239	-1	7.1	3.0	12.3

CINEMAS AND TV

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
415	286	Anglia TV 'A'	408	412	-5	18.1	3.9	11.5
465	350	Comal TV	465	465				
70	40	Elsinore	74	74	+2	2.9	4.0	10.5
291	192	HTV N/V	288	288	+2	12.3	4.7	11.1
291	192	HTV 'A'	288	288	+2	12.3	4.7	11.1
448	315	LWT Hldgs.	442	447	+5	18.1	4.0	13.1
		Reed TV	450	455		29	6.4	13.1
		TSW	268	272		11.5	4.2	12.6
280	144	TVS N/V	264	265	-10	14.3	5.4	11.2
212	212	Thames TV	212	212		10.3	4.8	
212	212	TV-AM	212	212	-10	6.4	3.0	
215	73½	Ulster TV	215	215		10.3	4.8	12.6
295	195	Yorkshire TV	287	292	-5	8.9	3.0	14.7

DRAPERY AND STORES

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
265	89	Alexon	248	251	-5	5.7	2.3	16.2
27½	14½	Amber Day	25½	26½				29.5
177	98	Appleyards 'A'	173	175		3.5	2.0	24.2
290	130	Ashley (Laura)	130	130		3.5	2.7	37.1
		Bairds (Lonsdale) 'A'	150	150		3.5	2.3	32.5
3	1	Bairds Lane	1½	1½				
290	195	Body Shop	290	290		4.3	1.5	26.6
270	195	Bonmarche	270	270		5.7	2.1	20.2
195	140	Bothwell (R)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Bradford Dyers	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Burton (M)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Burton (J)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Burton Group	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'A'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Dawsons (S)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Clarks Vyella (aa)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Combined English	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Coats (Fore) 'A'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Coats Sanders 'A'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Dewhirst (J)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Dixons Grp (aa)	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Dorothy Perkins	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'A'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'B'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'C'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'D'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'E'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'F'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'G'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'H'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'I'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'J'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'K'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'L'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'M'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'N'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'O'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'P'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'Q'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'R'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'S'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'W'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'X'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'Y'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'Z'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AA'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AB'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AC'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AD'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AE'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AF'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'AG'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'BF'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BG'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BH'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BI'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BJ'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BK'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'BL'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'DA'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'DD'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'DG'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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195	140	Do 'DI'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DJ'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DK'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DL'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DM'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DN'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DO'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DP'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
195	140	Do 'DQ'	195	195		5.7	2.9	19.2
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The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

Growth RECOVERY FUND

M&G Recovery Fund is probably the most successful unit trust ever launched and the table below shows just how well it has achieved its aim of capital growth. The Fund buys the shares of companies which have fallen on hard times. Losses must be expected when a company fails to recover but the effect of a turnround can be dramatic.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May, 1969, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1985	270,800	49,474	55,233	40,164
1 Mar '87	487,600	72,365	57,813	43,773*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source Building Societies Association) M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values *Estimated

Income DIVIDEND FUND

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and aims to provide above average and increasing income and a yield about 50% higher than the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. £10,000 invested in income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May, 1964, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,220	10,000
1985	2,278	907	65,160	10,000
1986	2,680	750	84,820	10,000
1 Mar '87	–	–	96,940	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are 1½% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association) M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values.

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G SECOND General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 30-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G SECOND General on 5th June, 1956, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,520	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,320	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	46,480	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	195,400	61,600	62,494	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	78,580
1 Mar '87	840,560	257,800	89,932	85,641*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source Building Societies Association) M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values *Estimated

FURTHER INFORMATION On 4th March 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Recovery Fund	494·3p	647·5p	2·69%
Dividend Fund	517·2p	1548·5p	4·44%
SECOND General	900·0p	1802·7p	3·13%

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The difference between the 'offered' price (at which you buy units) and the 'bid' price (at which you sell) is normally 6%. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each Fund's value – currently nil% – plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic rate tax on the following dates:

	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Jan 15 July	15 Feb 15 Aug
Next distribution for new investors	20 Aug 1987	15 July 1987	15 Aug 1987

You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement two to three weeks later. Remuneration is payable to accredited agents: rates are available on request. The Trustee for Dividend and Recovery is Barclays Bank Trust Co Limited and for SECOND is Lloyds Bank Plc. The Funds are all wider-range investments and are authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

M&G Securities Limited, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Tel: 0245 266266. Advisory Services: 01-626 4588. Member of the Unit Trust Association.

SPECIAL OFFER CLOSES 5th APRIL

All applications received by 5th April 1987 will be given an extra 1% allocation of units. This will increase to 2% for applications of £10,000 or more per Fund.

To: M&G SECURITIES LIMITED, M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB.

***Please invest** the sum(s) indicated below in the Fund(s) of my choice (minimum investment in each Fund: £1,000) in ACCUMULATION/INCOME units (delete as applicable or Accumulation units will be issued for Recovery and SECOND and Income units will be issued for Dividend) at the price ruling on receipt of this application DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.*

A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you owe and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly.

RECOVERY (MIN £1,000) £ ·00
DIVIDEND (MIN £1,000) £ ·00
SECOND (MIN £1,000) £ ·00

02 FULL FORENAME(S) (Mr/Mrs/Miss)
SURNAME
04 ADDRESS
POST CODE
SIGNATURE
DATE
MCAJ

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THE M&G GROUP

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Return at tax rates 29%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Deposit A/c:						
Barclays	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-626 1567
Lloyds	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-626 1500
National Westminster	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-726 1000
Midland	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-260 8000
TSB	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-600 6000
National Girobank[1]	5.00	3.67	2.62	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	7.50	5.81	4.22	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" "	7.00	5.42	3.94	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.63	5.14	3.74	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	7.01	5.43	3.95	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
"	6.45	4.97	3.63	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-260 8000
"	6.35	4.92	3.58	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c[2]	6.00	4.65	3.38	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Income	7.66	5.93	4.32	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Bank Of Scotland	7.66	5.93	4.32	2,500 min	—	01-628 8060
Barclays High Rate Deposit	7.13	5.52	4.02	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.63	5.91	4.30	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	7.76	6.01	4.37	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Market Plus	7.65	5.93	4.31	2,000 min	1 mth	01-581 1422
HFC Trust	8.50	6.58	4.79	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Money Mkt Cheq A/c	7.66	5.93	4.32	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Interest Deposit	8.15	6.31	4.59	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds HICA	7.70	5.96	4.34	2,500 min	—	01-626 1500
M&G HICA	8.12	6.29	4.57	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	7.45	5.77	4.20	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.70	5.96	4.34	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	7.63	5.91	4.30	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.75	6.00	4.37	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	8.04	6.23	5.53	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	8.13	6.30	4.58	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	7.75	6.00	4.37	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Call	7.50	5.81	4.23	500-1,000 min	—	0706 66966
Schroder Wagg	7.85	6.08	4.42	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	8.16	6.32	4.60	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley Call	8.44	6.54	4.75	1,000 min	—	01-236 0952
Tullet & Riley 7-day	8.30	6.43	4.68	2,500 min	7 day	01-236 0952
Tyndall Call	8.09	6.27	4.57	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	8.00	6.20	4.51	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	7.94	6.15	4.47	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.93	6.14	4.47	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Investment A/c*	6.34	6.46	4.70	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.68	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
32nd Issue Certificate†	8.75	8.75	8.75	25-5,000	8 day	0385 64900
Yearly Plan†	8.84	8.84	8.84	20-200 a mth	14 day	0385 64900
General Extension Rate	8.70	8.70	8.70			
Retail Prices Index - January	194.5	194.5	194.5			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.56	6.21	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.61	6.30	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.65	6.36	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.69	6.42	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Canterbury Life[4]	8.50	6.58	4.79	1,000 min	5 yrs	0227 457375
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS						
Leicester	7.10	5.50	4.00	500 min	1 yr	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	2 yrs	01-638 6361
Wigan	8.00	6.20	4.51	100 min	3 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	4 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	5 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	7.10	5.50	4.00	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-638 6361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	10.14	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.37	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.15	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	3.18	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.45	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.62	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ according to type of bond and above rates should be taken as a general guide only

Research: Deborah Benn (01-822 9082)

KEY RATES

Retail Price Index (Jan '86 to Jan '87)
+3.9

Mortgage rate
12.25%

Bank base rate
11%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
26.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
5%

Building society ordinary account
6%

High-interest cheque account*
8.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish pesetas	196
French franc	9.36
Greek drachma	203
Italian lira	2000

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months

FUND OFFERS

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Fidelity Global Convertibles 1
EFM Pacific 2
County Bank South East Asia 3
Mercury 4
Clerical Medical Dragon 5
Murray Johnstone 6
GT Far East & General 7
MIM Britannia French Growth 9
CCL Global and UK General 10

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

Life Funds	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	10.98	11.56	+0.01	..
Bear	12.29	12.94	+0.15	..
Owl	14.43	15.19	+0.33	..
Bull	13.68	14.32	+0.27	..
Stag	13.42	14.13	+0.28	..
GR Edged	11.41		+0.09	..
Deposit	10.02		..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	11.94	12.57	+0.01	..
Bear	13.34	14.68	+0.21	..
Owl	16.78	17.67	+0.52	..
Bull	15.80	16.43	+0.39	..
Stag	15.47	16.29	+0.38	..
GR Edged	11.76		+0.10	..
Deposit	10.37		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	162.5	165.8	+3.86	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	205.3	216.2	+1.2	..
Do Accum	286.5	301.6	+1.5	..
Equity Fund Income	122.1	128.5	+1.4	..
Do Accum	135.9	143.0	+1.6	..
Selective Fund	269.8	284.1	+1.8	..
Money Fund	224.9	236.8	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	228.0	227.9	+1.0	..
Equity Ser 4	134.9	142.0	+1.2	..
Man Ser 4	365.3	405.8	+3.9	..
Conv Ser 4	201.8	212.5	+0.5	..
Money Ser 4	221.7	232.4	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	189.0	198.0	+3.6	..
American Ser 4	261.1	295.9	+2.5	..
High Inc Ser 4	341.5	359.5	+5.2	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	114.8	125.3	+0.6	..
Japan Ser 4	245.6	258.6	+2.7	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

Equity Fd Acc	832.9	876.7	+11.6	..
European Fd Accum	211.4	222.5	-2.7	..
Fixed Int Acc	311.9	328.3	+0.9	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	206.5	217.3	+0.2	..
Int Man Fd Acc	350.2	368.6	-0.3	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	192.4	202.4	..	..
Japan Fund	270.0	293.5	-1.9	..
Nth American Fd Acc	174.6	183.7	-1.1	..
Prop Fd Acc	212.3	223.4	+0.1	..
Multiple Inv Acc	573.9	604.1	+3.5	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28291

Fixed Int Dep Accum	229.0	240.1	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	751.4	791.0	+12.6	..
Property Accum	333.9	341.9	+0.1	..
Far East Accum	172.6	181.7	+1.6	..
Managed Capital	1,348.2	1,362.4	+3.5	..
Do Accum	571.9	602.0	+6.5	..
Overseas Accum	494.5	520.5	+6.5	..
Gtd Edged Accum	278.2	284.7	+2.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	352.9	413.5	-1.8	..
Amer Mkt Accum	184.1	193.8	-1.9	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.4	131.0	-1.2	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	286.9	304.1	-0.07	..
Managed Income	137.7	145.6	+0.02	..
International	207.5	218.4	-2.84	..
High Income	187.6	197.5	+0.24	..
Income & Growth	249.2	262.3	+3.74	..
Basic Resource	115.7	121.8	-0.63	..
American	209.9	221.0	+5.71	..
Far Eastern	398.8	420.0	+7.98	..
Smaller Co's	217.9	229.4	+1.66	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	513.2	540.3	+5.3	..
Do Initial	144.3	151.9	+4.6	..
Gtd Edged Accum	217.8	229.3	+2.4	..
Do Initial	190.5	200.6	+2.2	..
International Accum	297.2	302.5	-0.4	..
Do Initial	249.5	262.6	-0.4	..
Managed Accum	339.0	353.7	+2.5	..
Do Initial	292.5	307.9	+2.0	..
Money Accum	178.8	188.3	..	..
Do Initial	151.0	159.0	..	..
Property Accum	199.4	210.4	..	..
Do Initial	179.8	189.3	..	..
Atlantic Accum	192.7	202.9	-2.0	..
Do Initial	170.3	179.3	-1.8	..
Augustus Accum	184.8	194.6	+2.5	..
Do Initial	163.2	171.9	+2.2	..
Financial Accum	231.7	243.9	+0.9	..
Do Initial	204.8	215.6	+0.8	..
500 Accum	262.7	276.5	+3.2	..
Do Initial	232.0	244.0	+2.8	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	362.1	381.2	+8.5	..
Do Initial 2	319.8	336.2	+7.2	..
Income Accum	289.5	304.8	+3.6	..
Do Initial	254.7	268.2	+3.3	..
Leisure Accum	174.3	183.5	+2.0	..
Special Sits Accum	146.4	154.2	+0.7	..
Liter Tech Accum	117.8	123.8	-2.9	..
Do Initial	106.4	112.1	-2.9	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
245, High St, Chatham
0634 405161

Black Horse Man Fd	416.91		-7.15	..
Managed Inv Fund	274.5	288.9	-5.36	..
Property Fund	185.9	195.6	+0.24	..
Fixed Interest Fund	194.2	204.4	+2.51	..
Cash Fund	170.8	179.8	+0.29	..
Income Fund	398.8	419.8	+5.90	..
Extra Income Fund	370.7	390.2	+3.86	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	369.3	388.2	+1.10	..
Managed Fund	354.7	373.3	+3.88	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	454.5	478.4	+11.66	..
Int Technology Fund	349.7	368.1	-1.79	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	235.4	247.8	-1.80	..
Energy Int Fund	115.6	121.7	-0.69	..
Pacific Basin Fund	279.5	294.2	+8.68	..

BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE
Bryan Nanonal Life House Pennyroyal Road Hayward's Heath West Sussex RH16 3TP
0444 414111

Managed	226.2	240.2	..	..
Property	194.5	204.7	..	..
Equity	284.8	299.8	..	..
International	202.2	204.5	..	..
Fixed Interest	145.8	153.4	..	..
Deposit	124.8	131.3	..	..
New Technology	176.0	185.2	..	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	172.7		+7.5	..
Managed	193.9	204.2	+1.8	..
Property	128.4	135.2	..	..
Gtd & Fixed Int	140.0	147.4	+1.7	..
Index-Linked	120.1	126.5	+1.6	..
Equity	221.4	233.1	+3.0	..
Cash	140.2	147.6	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	209.5	220.7	+1.5	..
Midland Bk Int	235.2	247.6	-0.8	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	153.3		+1.9	..
Property Units	122.08		+0.02	..
Equity Bond/Exec	251.68	54.48	+0.52	..
Prop Bond/Exec	231.25	32.66	+0.03	..
Bd Bd Exec Unit	238.26	40.51	+0.32	..
2nd Equity Accum	383.9	408.4	+7.1	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	330.3	348.5	+5.6	..
2nd Property Accum	217.6	230.3	+0.2	..
2nd Managed Acc	271.5	287.3	+2.2	..
2nd Deposit Accum	178.1	188.5	+0.1	..
2nd Gilt Accum	188.4	199.4	+2.2	..
2nd Amer Accum	275.7	291.7	..	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	196.5	207.9	-2.6	..
2nd Index Accum	115.2	123.0	-0.5	..
2nd Far East Accum	224.1	248.4	-15.14	..
2nd Global Accum	106.7	112.8	-1.6	..
2nd Euro Accum	107.6	113.9	-1.6	..
2nd Japan Accum	114.2	120.8	-0.6	..
2nd Global Pens Ac	110.0	116.4	-1.6	..
2nd Euro Pens Ac	111.1	117.5	-2.2	..
2nd Japan Pens Ac	119.6	126.5	-0.6	..
L.S.E.	127.5	134.5	+1.0	..
Do 2	82.5	87.5	+0.8	..
2nd Res Prop Acc	99.6	104.2	+0.2	..
2nd Res Pens Acc	99.9	105.7	+0.2	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cnd Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

Property Fund	120.8	127.2	..	..
Money Fund	231.0	243.2	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	454.6	478.6	+2.6	..
Equity Fund	304.9	322.9	+2.6	..
Fixed Interest Fund	147.3	155.1	+0.9	..
Far East Fund	246.9	263.8	-2.3	..
Nth Amer Fund	179.5	189.6	+2.1	..
Nat Resources Fund	165.6	174.4	+1.8	..
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Gtd & Fixed Int	129.4	136.9	+2.4	..
Indexed Stks	104.5	110.1	+0.1	..
Cash	116.2	116.0	+0.1	..
Nth American	121.6	128.1	+0.5	..
Far East	144.1	151.7	+0.2	..
International	138.4	145.7	+0.2	..
Special Sits	179.0	188.5	+3.3	..
Int Income	162.3	170.9	+1.6	..
American Inc	124.4	131.0	+1.3	..
European	161.0	169.5	-1.7	..

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Mixed	158.5	166.9	+1.2	..
Equity	174.9	184.2	+2.4	..
Property	112.9	124.2	+0.3	..
Gtd & Fixed Int	122.0	128.4	+2.3	..
Indexed Linked	116.9	116.8	+0.2	..
Cash	119.7	126.1	+0.1	..
Nth American	131.7	138.7	+0.5	..
Far East	136.4	143.6	+0.2	..
International	132.4	139.4	+0.2	..
Special Sits	169.3	178.2	+3.1	..
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Cap Life Pensmaster	265.14		..	..
Cap Life Cash	125.2	131.8	+0.37	..
Cap Life Equity	298.0	305.2	+15.35	..
Cap Life Fixed Int	179.6	189.3	+11.17	..
Cap Life Managed	224.1	248.4	+15.14	..
Cap Life-Property	245.5	258.5	+10.76	..
CMLiPen Cash Cap	121.5	127.9	..	..
CMLiPen Cash Inv	135.5	142.6	..	..
CMLiPen Equity Cap	486.6	512.2	..	..
CMLiPen Equity Inv	542.5	571.1	..	..
CMLiPen Fixed Cap	198.6	209.0	..	..
CMLiPen Fixed Inv	221.4	233.1	..	..
CMLiPen Indx Cap	127.4	134.2	..	..
CMLiPen Indx Inv	142.1	149.6	..	..
CMLiPen Man Cap	301.2	317.1	..	..
CMLiPen Man Inv	335.9	353.5	..	..

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Prime- Managed	258.6	272.5	+1.9	..
Prime- UK Equity	255.9	311.2	+3.6	..
Prime- Int Equity	214.4	225.7	-0.06	..
Prime- Property	127.0	133.7	..	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	149.7	157.6	+4.0	..
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Life Intl Accum	384.2	404.4	+8.7	..
Life High Inc Accum	417.5	439.4	+11.9	..
Life Property Accum	189.1	199.0	..	..
Crown Brit Inv A	508.0		..	..
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Euro Opportunity	112.5	119.0	-1.2	..
North Amer Opp	105.7	111.8	-0.5	..
Far East Opp	105.2	111.3	-0.7	..
Gth Prop Series 1	144.6	152.4	+1.8	..
Gth Prop Series 2	98.6	104.3	+1.0	..
Fixed Int	100.5	106.3	+1.5	..
Cash	98.3	104.0	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	316.1	317.0	..	..

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Secure Fund	105.0	110.6	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	142.9	150.5	+1.5	..
Achievement Fund	161.1	169

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Still going up

House prices increased 14.9 per cent in the year to the end of February, according to the Halifax Building Society's house price index. This is the biggest rise for the UK as a whole since the index started in 1983. House prices in Greater London and the South-East are still rising strongly – up 26.8 per cent and 24.4 per cent respectively, in the past 12 months. There has been a distinct pick-up in some regions where prices have been depressed.

Anglia buys

The Anglia Building Society is buying Boston Trust & Savings from the Bank of Boston. The purchase marks Anglia's move into unsecured lending, one of the new powers under the recent building society legislation.

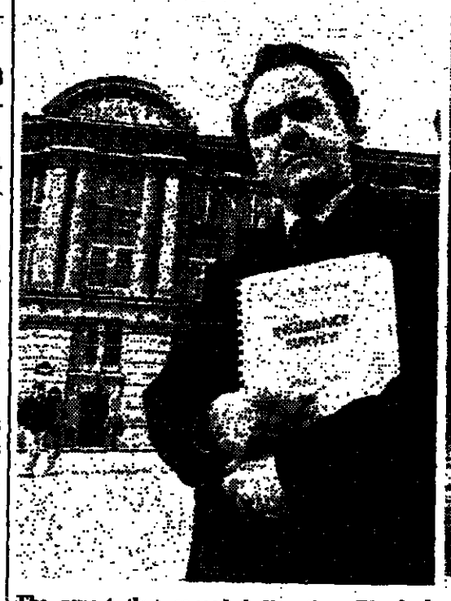
£450m fire toll

Fire damage cost more than £450 million during 1986, according to the Association of British Insurers. The insurance companies say they are increasingly concerned about the cost of malicious fire damage, probably about £150 million last year. Create difficulty for the arsonist, they say, by making premises more secure, encouraging greater vigilance and developing a better awareness of fire prevention measures.

The gold guide

Save & Prosper has published an up-to-date guide to gold cards, including the varying overdraft facilities. The guide is available free from Customer Services Department, Save & Prosper Group, 28 Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB, or by telephoning Money Line on 0800 282101

Under attack, twice in a week





The report that caused indignation: Birmingham councillor Albert Bore wants the Government to act. Right: flashback to the Handsworth riots

INSURANCE

It's been a bad week for Britain's insurance companies. First they were sharply criticized by the Insurance Ombudsman for failing to draw policyholders' attention to restrictive changes in cover. Then they were accused by two local authorities of stifling small local businesses by failing to provide insurance cover at a realistic price.

The ombudsman James Haswell summed up the prevailing mood by saying that the damage done by cavalier treatment of loyal policyholders could take years to repair and could affect the attitude of the public to the whole industry.

The ombudsman had three specific complaints to make about the way in which insurance companies told their policyholders about changes in policy terms.

First, alterations were often tucked away in promotional material sent out with renewal notices and could be hard to find. Secondly, much attention was drawn to slight

'Negative changes must not be hidden'

improvements in cover while new restrictions were given as little publicity as possible. Finally, policyholders were not always given sufficient notice of radical changes so that they could consider moving their insurance business elsewhere.

As an example of the kind of practice of which he disapproved, Mr Haswell quoted subsidence cover under household policies, which had become more restrictive in the years following the 1976 drought. "Negative changes must not be hidden under a bushel," said Mr Haswell. "They must be allowed to shine forth."

The ombudsman also put the insurance industry on the rack for some of its jargon. Phrases such as "all risks" and "comprehensive" meant one thing to the public and another to their insurers. As a result, policyholders could be misled into thinking that the cover under a policy was wider than it really is, Mr Haswell pointed out.

It is one thing to criticize the insurance industry and urge it to find ways of matching the title of a policy to the cover it provides. It is quite another thing for this to happen in practice.

Until it does, the message for policyholders is clear. Overcome your preconceived notions and take the trouble to read your car, household, travel and any other insurance policies. The message applies also to renewal notices you are sent for any annual policies.

The exercise will not take you long and the policy documents are not that indigestible now that most insurance companies have made some effort to use plain English. Most important of all, a little effort on your part before a claim arises could save you a big headache afterwards.

Of course, it is one thing to have the option to read your insurance policy to satisfy yourself you know what cover you have got.

Not everyone has that option, and stinging attacks on the insurance industry this week allege that small businesses in inner city areas of Birmingham and the London Borough of Lambeth are being forced to close down because of the intransigence of the insurance industry.

According to a new report from Birmingham City Council, one in five small Birmingham firms may be trading without insurance or with just limited cover, and that number appears to be increasing sharply. The report shows that the problem is most acute in the city's Lozells area, where 40 per cent of firms have no insurance or limited cover.

It is claimed that even among those businesses that had insurance, premium rises of more than 200 per cent in some cases had already forced some to close. One firm reported an insurance premium rate rise of more than 500 per cent.

The chairman of Birmingham City Council's economic development committee, Albert Bore, said this week: "We must protect the viability of small businesses in Birmingham." Without insurance cover, he claimed, many of these businesses would go to the wall, and with high premiums being demanded many other firms were at risk.

'Action over this worrying problem'

The report alleges that some businessmen were not getting insurance cover even after carrying out extra security work, while others were reduced to not making claims in case their cover was put at risk. Some firms have had their cover withdrawn without explanation, it is claimed.

Mr Bore is hoping to get government action over what he calls "this worrying problem".

The Association of British Insurers was quick to respond in the latest round of this row, which has been simmering for several months. The association refuted the point of non-availability of insurance, saying the allegations were not borne out by its experience with the Birmingham City Action Team, with which it had been successful in getting cover for local businesses.

The association also pointed out that premium rises for business insurance generally had risen and that although this was a universal trend some trades and localities had been more severely affected.

While the association was slugging it out with Birmingham City Council this week, the borough council at Lambeth in south London weighed in with the charge that the insurance industry was boycotting its Brixton area. Commercial Union, Prudential, Royal and Sun Alliance were all criticized.

The fact that Birmingham and Lambeth have so far made the loudest noises does not mean that it is only small businesses in these areas that are finding it difficult to get insurance at a reasonable cost. Indeed, Greg Tucker, a Lambeth councillor, believes the problem does extend to other inner city areas.

Mr Tucker says Lambeth has received extensive reports from local businesses that their insurance cover was withdrawn after the disturbances of September 1985. If this is the case, then it would not be surprising to find that small businesses in parts of Bristol and Liverpool had found similar problems.

Although it would be dangerous to get carried away with the idea of the big bad insurance companies forcing the freedom-loving and employment-giving inner city entrepreneurs into bankruptcy, there is clearly a problem here, even if it turns out to be one of not listening to the other person's point of view.

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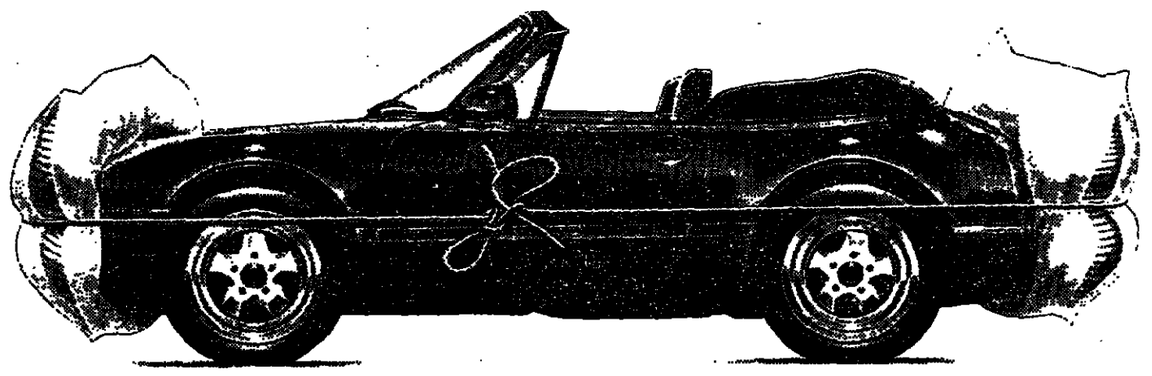
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The discussion paper notes bluntly: "Anyone directly involved comes to think of him or herself as a ball on a roulette wheel – ultimately *destined to find itself in whatever* numbered slot chances to be at hand when the wheel stops spinning."

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■ Alliance & Leicester Building Society has come up with a new three-*month notice investment account*, Prime Plus. It offers a top interest rate of 9.3 per cent on balances of £10,000 or more, 9.2 per cent on £2,500 to £9,999 and 9 per cent on investments of £500 to £2,499.



Meanwhile, Britannia Building Society has relaunched its money management service.

Moneymaster. Ordinary share account interest, currently 6 per cent, is paid to Moneymaster account-holders, who can also apply for a Bank of Scotland cheque book with a credit limit and cheque guarantee card. In addition, there will be unsecured loan facilities for Moneymaster holders over the age of 18. Loans will be from £500 to £7,500 and can be used for any purpose. The money will be provided by North West Securities, a subsidiary of the Bank of Scotland.

Youth policy

■ The Trustee Savings Bank is aiming to increase its share of business from clients aged 16 to 21 with the launch of its 1987 youth package. A glossier version of the magazine *TSBeat* features careers advice, fashion and music news. More than a million copies will be distributed free through TSB branches. As well as free banking, young people who open a cheque account in 1987 will be able to get discounts on Virgin records, videos and cassettes, and Yamaha keyboards.

The number of school-leavers opening an account with the TSB England & Wales increased from 33,000 in 1983 to 132,000 in 1986.

SIB under fire

■ The rule book published last month by the chief financial services regulatory body, the Securities and Investments Board, came in for criticism this week from two major sources.

The Association of British Insurers told the Trade Secretary Paul Channon that it was unhappy with a number of the SIB's proposals "and the highly detailed and legalistic way in which a number of them are expressed".

Mark St Giles, chairman of FIMBRA (the Financial Intermediaries, Brokers and Managers Regulatory Association), has also written to Mr Channon: 'We understand that the wording of SIB's rules must be 'statutory' rather than 'user-*friendly' but their complexity is* disturbing."

FIMBRA is likely to be one of the *key self-regulating organizations* under the new financial services legislation, responsible for life assurance and unit trusts. It says it *would not want to be required, in order* to meet the test of equivalence with the SIB rule book, to have rules which are equally complex.

B&B bouquet

■ Bradford & Bingley Building Society has come out top of 37 personal equity plans for clarity in presentation of costs.

So says the *Good PEP Guide*, whose compilers point out that the range of costs is enormous, with the cheapest-to-run PEPs costing little more than £100 over three years, and the most expensive £500.

Instead of using the plan managers' wordings, which are "often confusing and not easy to compare", the guide has worked out a comparison cost price, which gives an idea of the total cost, including dealing charges and stamp duty, of running a PEP over three years.

Sound investment management remains the key to success but the difference in costs is so great that the most expensive plan managers will have to turn in some powerful performances over the short term to compensate for their high charges.

The *Good PEP Guide* is available at a launch price of £1 from *MoneyGuides, Riverside House,* Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0SF.



Clerical Medical today launches its 12th unit trust, the Dragon Growth fund.

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Above: A Chinese dragon, symbol of power in Chinese mythology, brought gopd wishes for the fund to its manager, John Summers.

The dragon, with its drummer guide, Chai Pei Men, is from a Chinese orchestra in Soho, a few hundred yards from Clerical Medical's central London office

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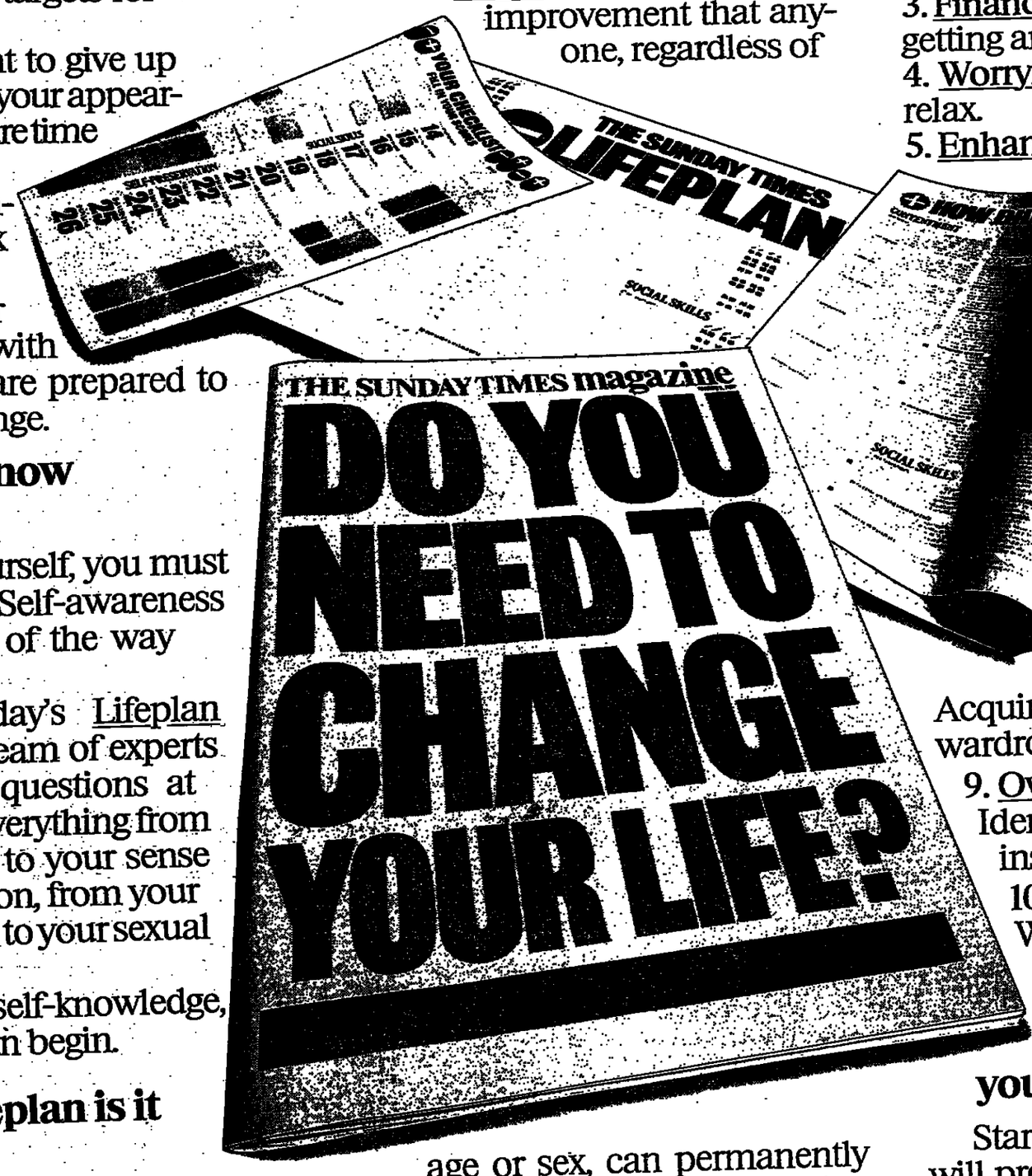
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Are you leaving your heirs more tax than capital?

Naturally you want to leave all of your estate to your family or dependants or at least to someone of your choosing.

But the truth is that without some forward planning your heirs will receive only what is left after the Inland Revenue take their share in the form of the new Inheritance Tax when you die.

And that share can be quite dramatic.

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The weekend speculators

SHARES

The words bed and breakfast can inspire beautiful dreams. In investment jargon, however, they apply to the system, now abolished in its original form, whereby shares on the Stock Exchange were sold and bought on the same day.

Such transactions minimized capital gains tax, stamp duty and commission charges.

The Inland Revenue eventually altered the ruling on these deals. Buying and selling of the same share had to be seen as two unrelated transactions on different days. The quickest way to straddle two Stock Exchange accounts meant, in effect, goodbye bed and breakfast . . . hello, long weekend.

Some compensation for the loss of the one-day breakfast came in with indexation. This is the reduction of a gain or the increase of a loss caused by inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index.

Initially, shares and similar possessions had to be held for a year before indexation was allowed. Now, indexation can be claimed on an asset from March 1982 or the purchase date, if later, until its disposal.

Bed and breakfast with indexation helps to reduce taxable gains. The technique is most commonly used by shareholders, but it can also be applied to unit trusts by unitholders who must similarly phase their transactions over two separate days.

Selling a unit holding for a loss need not be a disaster. It can offset gains. Married couples share the capital gains tax exemption of £6,300 in any one year, and the gains of one spouse may balance a loss by the other.

A bed-and-breakfast deal that establishes a loss is useful when a price fall has been overdone, and the unit price is likely to rise in the near future. This situation often applies to a sector currently out of favour. You sell and realize a loss for the tax year but buy back so as not to lose out on the upward trend of the units.

The solution is to sell yearly

The risk here is that the lower base price thereby established could mean higher tax in future years.

Assume your unit trust holding is showing an unrealized loss of £500 on an original investment of £2,000. You sell and buy back at around £1,500. An allowable loss has thus been made.

But instead of having a base of £2,000 on which to calculate future capital gains, so that you can go up to £6,300 plus £2,000 (£8,300) before you reach the gains tax exemption limit, you now have a base of £1,500 and so can go up to only £6,300 plus £1,500 (£7,800) before that limit is reached.

The solution here is to sell the appropriate amounts yearly.

Another reason for establishing a loss by a bed-and-breakfast deal before the beginning of a new tax year is to make the most of indexation.

Thus if your capital transactions for a year show a £500 loss, that loss will be increased by the indexation figure from March 1982, or the purchase date, if later.

A Retail Price Index rise of, say, 20 per cent over the period between purchase and sale means you can claim an extra £100 (20 per cent of £500) on your nominal loss of £500, making a £600 loss to offset a similar amount of gain.

Finally, you can carry forward losses established in one tax year against gains in the next.

But a bed-and-breakfast profit is, in a manner of speaking, twice rewarded. First, indexation reduces the taxable gain. A £500 gain with 20 per cent indexation becomes £400 for tax purposes. And when you sell at a profit and buy back, you establish a lower base for capital gains tax in the following year.

Assume you have made a profit of £7,000 on your unit trusts this year — not too difficult a task in a bull market that has doubled the value of many portfolios.

Ignoring indexation, your chargeable gain is £7,000 minus the gains exemption of £6,300, that is, £700. The gains tax payable on that £700 at 30 per cent is £210. You sell your holding and buy it back. (You pay charges on the deal, so you must work out the advantages against the costs.)

You pay your tax and start the new tax year with a clean slate. Instead of your £7,000 gain being carried forward into the next year, with every pound sterling of profit beyond the exemption limit taxable at 30 per cent, you have your profit and another year in which to make more tax-free gains from a zero base.

If you are a unitholder with a large portfolio, take care over the number and size of your bed-and-breakfast deals lest you are regarded as a trader and your profits assessed for income tax.

You could also come to grief under the Furniss and Dawson provisions whereby the Revenue might rule that your many transactions served no purpose other than to reduce or eliminate a tax liability.

Unit trust groups have different approaches to bed-and-breakfast deals.

M&G Securities produces a pamphlet to explain its system (01-626 4588). Because the M&G units (other than for the Trustee Fund) are listed on the Stock Exchange, unitholders can use their own stockbrokers, or the special terms negotiated by M&G with Kleinwort Grieveson.

Charges are commission of £25 plus VAT for deals under £5,000; 0.5 per cent plus VAT for £5,000 to £20,000; and £100 (maximum) plus VAT for £20,000 and above.

You must give your name and address (01-623 8000), the name of the M&G Fund, state that you wish to bed and breakfast and the number and type of units. Contract notes are then sent and you settle the cash difference between the two contracts.

Keep contracts notes for tax records

It is not necessary, as with most unit trusts procedures, to send your unit certificates to Kleinwort Grieveson, but you must keep the contract notes for capital gains tax records.

The following list gives particulars of some other unit trust groups' rules and charges for bed and breakfast.

Barclays Unicorn Group
Day 1: Company buys units from client at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells units at offer price less 4 per cent.

Fidelity
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price less 4 per cent. Certificates of the unit holding must be sent, and prices could change overnight so there is some risk.

Framlington
Day 1: Company buys units from client at bid price.
Day 2: Company reinvests the proceeds plus 2.5 per cent at the offer price (normally 5.5 per cent, bid-offer spread). The investor has to tell the unit-trust company that he or she is doing a bed-and-breakfast deal.

Gartmore
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at bid price plus 1.5 per cent for administrative charges.

Henderson
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price less 4 per cent. Director David Payne emphasizes two points. (a) The certificate must be renounced. A cheque is then sent to the client who buys back the units thereafter, so that it can be seen that two clearly defined transactions have taken place. (b) The price may move sharply overnight, in which case an adjustment can be made of cash or units.

Hill Samuel
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price less 4 per cent.

The commission is negotiable

Legal & General
Day 1: Company buys at published bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price less 4 per cent.

Mercury
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price less 4 per cent for deals under £5,000 and 4.5 per cent over that figure.

MIM Britannia
Day 1: Company buys at middle price.
Day 2: Company sells at same price. Client is charged 1 per cent plus VAT with minimum charge of £15. At more than £10,000 commission is negotiable. To avoid administrative problems, the Special Reserve tax of 0.5 per cent (stamp duty) is levied on purchase.

MLA
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price with 4 per cent discount. A cheque is issued for the purchase of the units, and the client must send the certificate with a cheque for the repurchase so that two separate transactions take place.

Perpetual
Day 1: Company buys at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price with 4 per cent discount in terms of extra units.

Prolific
Bed and breakfast to be spread over two days.
Day 1: Company buys back at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells at offer price. Three per cent discount for individuals. There are different arrangements for intermediaries.

Save & Prosper
Day 1: Company buys units from client at bid price.
Day 2: Company sells units at bid plus 1 per cent. Company will pay stamp duty out of that 1 per cent. Charges are £30 on deals up to £3,000 and 1 per cent above that figure, and the transaction is regarded in the nature of a service to the customer.

Jennie Hawthorne

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Pet subject in the household accounting





Show dogs or cuddly companions for the children, pets must still be fed, groomed and cared for, and it all costs money

What is the true cost of keeping a cat or dog? NICHOLAS COLE investigates

On past evidence, the cost of pet ownership has been too much for some owners in terms of cash and personal commitment. The answer has been implicit every holiday period in the pathetic army of unwanted pets left by roadsides, taken into the woods, or hurled out of car windows on to motorways.

Hearteningly, however, it appears the cruelty trend may be waning. Although full figures are not available, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the signs are that people have responded positively to its anti-dumping campaign launched last Christmas under the slogan, "Present Pets Are Future Problems".

It will, alas, take more than an annual conscience campaign to restore our reputation as a nation of animal-lovers or to maintain awareness of exactly what is involved in caring for domestic pets.

"Our advice is that if you are not totally committed to the welfare of an animal for anything up to 20 years, don't take it on in the first place," says the RSPCA, which rehouses or humanely destroys 250,000 unwanted animals every year.

Almost 50 per cent of UK households now own a pet, with dogs the most popular choice. There are 6.3 million of them, according to the latest estimate available from the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association.

Then come 6.1 million cats and 1.8 million budgerigars. Forty-one per cent of the budgie population and 33 per cent of dogs are owned by lower-income groups.

Rich or poor, the overall cost of keeping a dog works out to at least 66p a day or £4.62 a week — £2,387 throughout an average 10-year lifespan, including a £150 purchase price.

These figures emerged in a survey by a leading pet food company last year and were based on 1983-85 comparisons, so it is quite likely that the comparable "keep" total today nudges £5. This is, in any case, now the estimated weekly cost of food *alone* for a large dog — and large dogs are increasingly prominent in the abandoned category. The upkeep of a cat costs around £3 per week.

Pets are most commonly fed on prepared foods. Although these have risen more slowly than the Retail Price Index, feeding tends to be seen as expensive, probably because it is one of only two main costs involved.

Special treatment for disturbed dogs

The other is veterinary care, which for dogs has been estimated at £100 during the first year of life and £20 a year thereafter. Any owner with a sick animal will know that the latter figure is extremely conservative, and easily outstripped by a single treatment.

Then there is the impact of advanced options that have become available during the past 10 years. These may not embrace the "Hi-Fido" treatment for disturbed dogs, so far marketed only in California, but they do include heart pacemakers and kidney dialysis, which can swallow sums approaching those charged in human private health care.

Britain's 6,600 vets are in a position similar to pre-National Health Service doctors: the majority conduct their practices on the most reasonable terms possible, with those in high unemployment areas well aware of their clients' difficulties.

Yet the vet naturally expects to cover costs and earn a living, which is why the British Veterinary Association recommends pet-owners to take out the appropriate insurances.

These are available from both general and specialist companies at annual premiums costing £26-£28 per animal for dogs and £17-£20 for cats. Policies basically cover treatment for accident, injury and illness, plus pet replacement, but not preventive attention, vaccinations, breeding, castration and spaying. Owners must normally pay the first £10-£12 of any claim.

'Horrified at animal suffering in slums'

Benefit values vary considerably, so it is worth shopping around.

Schemes known to, but not actually endorsed by, the British Veterinary Association are: Holdfast, previously recommended by *Which?* as a "best buy" and offered by Holman General Facilities, of Wickford, Essex, in conjunction with the Bournemouth-based Dog Breeders Insurance Company, which also operates its own facility; the RSPCA-approved PAWS scheme underwritten by General Accident and administered by Jardine Glanvill (UK) Ltd, Birmingham; in addition to Prupet, Pet Guard, Vetwise, Pet Plan and Vetex. The closest to an animal world NHS is the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals, now celebrating the 70th anniversary of its founding by the redoubtable former social worker Maria Dickin, who was "horrified at the suffering of animals in the slums of London".

With nearly 60 centres today, the charity-status PDSA provides more than a million treatments a year at an average cost of £4.90 a time; owners are invited to make voluntary contributions according to means. The average donation is 75p.

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How to buy that country cottage

A cottage in the country or a retirement bungalow on the coast is a real possibility for many people who may think they cannot afford it. The taxman holds the key.

A change in the 1984 Budget, which got less attention than it deserved, seems to be catching on at last. What the Chancellor did was to make the ownership of holiday accommodation more attractive. Holiday letting is now classed as a trade, and rents are taxed as earned rather than unearned income.

This means the expenses of running the property such as postage, stationery, telephone and some travel may be set off against income under Schedule D. More importantly perhaps for people aiming to provide a retirement home for themselves, the taxman helps to buy the property itself.

A home-owner with more than one property is allowed tax relief only on his main residence. Which property he nominates is up to him. Interest on loans up to £30,000 is allowed for tax at the highest rate paid.

No tax relief is normally allowed on any other property except, thanks to the 1984 Finance Act, holiday accommodation. Tax relief is allowed on money borrowed for this, without a £30,000 limit.

Inland Revenue will want to see profits

At the time, the concession was hailed as a triumph for existing property owners who for a long time had been at loggerheads with the Inland Revenue for its persistent refusal to recognize holiday letting as a trade.

Many people, who have no wish to go into holiday property as a business, are just beginning to see how they can profit. Andrew Tappin, of chartered accountants Deardon Farrow, says: "It brings a second home — eventually to be a place of retirement — within the means of many people to whom it may have seemed just a dream."

Like all good things, especially where the taxman is the benefactor, there are snags.

To qualify for tax relief as a holiday let, the property must be in the UK and furnished. It must also be available to the general public for at least 140 days in the year, of which actual lettings must total 70 days or more.

No single let should be for more than 31 days, so this rules out any thoughts of putting in friends or relatives at a nominal rent, although it does not mean that a profit must be shown. As with other trades, however, the Revenue will want to see profits rather than losses over a number of years.

While capital allowance is available on the cost of furniture and equipment for holiday accommodation, it may be more worthwhile to claim the alternative 10 per cent of the rent received (less rates paid).

Money that is spent on repairs and decorations before the first lettings are made, may be claimed against the first year's rent.

A great benefit of owning a holiday let is that the income can be channelled into a pension arrangement with full tax relief. Now that the net profit ranks as "relevant earnings", up to 17.5 per cent may go into a retirement nest egg every year. People born before 1934 can set aside up to 26.5 per cent. There is no better way of saving for those not in a company scheme or with non-pensionable earnings.

The owner of more than one holiday let can meet the 70-day rule by averaging his lettings. And it may be a good idea to let your wife run the lettings if she has no other income. She would then qualify for wife's earnings allowance — at present £2,335.

Some couples may also find it worthwhile to be separately taxed. They should consider this when the joint income is more than £26,520, of which the wife's share is £6,986. This should reduce the total tax bill.

If the property is run as a commercial venture, the owner loses the use of it for a good part of the year, but the benefit in many cases will outweigh the sacrifice.

Obviously, the letting rules are necessary to stop a wave of second-home buying on the taxman's back, especially in areas where domestic property has been a best buy but where few would care to spend their holidays.

It is important to keep in mind the difference between holiday letting as self-employment and trading as defined under the 1984 rules. VAT and National Insurance may then enter into it.

A useful guide on the taxation of holiday letting, *Live and Let*, can be obtained free from Deardon Farrow at 1 Serjeants' Inn, London EC4Y 1JD (01-353 2000).

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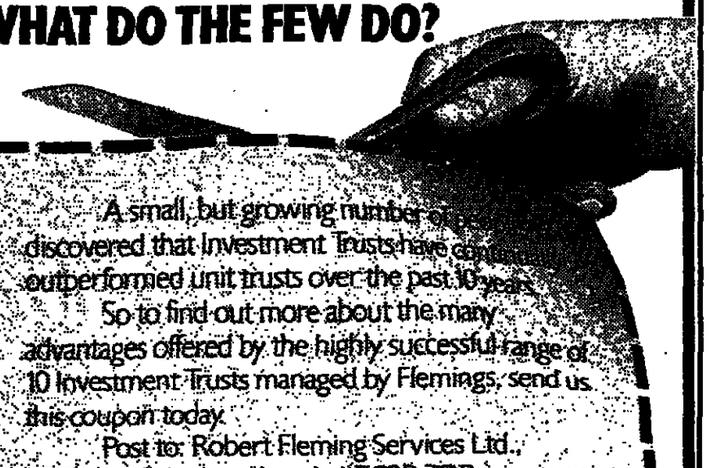
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Sheltering from the taxman



As the end of the financial year approaches, DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY explain that there is more to tax shelters than the Business Expansion Scheme

There are several tax shelters other than the Business Expansion Scheme, such as enterprise zone property, forestry and, of course, pension contributions. So what could a tax shelter do for you and how do they all compare with one another?

Tax relief on the input at the highest rate that applies to you is the most attractive feature of most tax shelters. But the relative desirability of this relief will depend very largely on what is your top rate of tax and therefore how much a tax shelter investment will bring it down.

The marketing literature issued by financial advisers often blandly states that income tax relief is obtained at the highest rate paid on the investor's income.

This is a convenient method of shorthand but it is important to appreciate exactly what it means.

Thus, in order to decide whether it is worth investing in a BES or an enterprise zone property, you must be able to calculate your tax position for the current year. You can work this out – approximately – with the help of the table.

Deduct from your income the various reliefs and allowances to which you may be entitled and then calculate the tax rates that apply to the remaining taxable income.

For example, Tom qualifies for the single person's allowance of £2,335 and his gross mortgage interest after adding back the tax relief he gets by deduction under MIRAS is £3,675 (£30,000 mortgage at 12.25 per cent). He has a company 2-litre new car costing £15,000 and involving a tax charge based on £900 this year. This is the amount deducted from his allowances.

Tom therefore has reliefs and allowances of £5,110 this year. In other words, it is only on his income of £5,111 and above that he pays tax.

The table sets out the rate bands at which tax is paid at the various different levels. The first £17,200 this year is taxed at 29 per cent (basic rate); the next £3,000 is taxed at 40 per cent and so on up to total cumulative taxable income of £41,200, the threshold above which taxpayers suffer 60 per cent tax on every extra pound of income.

In principle, tax shelters such as BES, enterprise zone buildings, most woodland expenses and pension contributions simply provide relief by increasing the amount of income on which you do not pay tax.

For example, you have taxable income after your allowances of £50,000. On the first £33,300 of taxable income, you pay tax at rates between 29 per cent and 50 per cent amounting to a total of £12,478; on the £7,900 of income that falls between £33,300 and £41,200, the tax is 55 per cent, that is, £4,345; and on the excess over £41,200 the tax is 60 per cent.

As total taxable income in this case is £50,000, the excess is therefore £8,800 and the tax at this level would be £5,280.

You could eliminate this £5,280 tax altogether if you invested the whole of the £8,800 falling in this 60 per cent tax band into a tax shelter.

This would increase the amount of reliefs (that is, income on which you pay no tax) for the year by an additional £8,800 and obviously it would reduce your taxable income by the same amount.

If you invested £10,000, you would also cut down by £1,200 on the amount of income on which you pay tax at 55 per cent and this would provide you with a tax saving of £660.

In other words, tax reliefs first cut your top rate of tax and then, progressively as you invest more, they reduce the amounts of tax that you pay at lower rates. This is, in effect, what tax relief at your highest rate really means.

Clearly, for someone who pays 60 per cent tax on £8,800 of income, the tax shelter will provide the most immediate profit with regard to the income which falls within this band. The more the person invests and eliminates tax at lower levels, the less the tax relief is worth for every pound of extra investment.



If you can get tax relief at 60 per cent, you are probably prepared to consider investing in tax-deductible investments that are otherwise less attractive than the person who will see only a 29 per cent tax relief on his contributions.

In other words, the higher your taxable income, the more chance that you will find tax shelters worthwhile investments. Most tax shelter investments have certain drawbacks, which will normally make them attractive only to people who can foresee substantial tax advantages.

INCOME TAX RATES 1986-87

Taxable income	Slice	Rate	Tax on slice	Total tax
£	£	%	£	£
17,200	17,200	29	4,988	4,988
20,200	3,000	40	1,200	6,188
25,400	5,200	45	2,340	8,528
33,300	7,900	50	3,950	12,478
41,200	7,900	55	4,345	16,823
Excess		60		

Pensions

Even for basic rate taxpayers, pensions are likely to be attractive compared with other forms of savings. The underlying investments — normally shares, fixed interest securities, property and cash — are relatively secure and can provide reasonable growth. Other shelters are much more restricted in the ways money can be invested.

Furthermore, there is no UK tax on the investment income and capital gains in an exempt approved pension fund. Not only is there a hefty up-front boost from the tax relief, but the long-term growth within a pension fund can be substantial. No other form of saving for retirement is remotely as attractive.

Nevertheless, there are some drawbacks. You cannot take the benefits until your retirement — generally from age 60 onwards. The rights cannot be assigned and much of the ultimate benefit will be paid to you as taxable (albeit earned) income.

However, before contemplating any other tax shelters such as BES, you should make sure that you already have committed a substantial investment into pensions.

Forestry

There are valuable tax reliefs on investment into growing timber, although not on the land on which it grows. You can even borrow to fund the investment and obtain tax relief on the interest payable, unlike pensions or BES. Then, when it comes to sell the timber, arrangements can be made so that the profits are virtually tax-free. There are also forestry grants to help encourage planting, and inheritance tax advantages as well.

Forestry is generally a rather more long-term investment than BES and also more complicated in most cases, with the allowable expenditure often having to be spread over several years. Moreover, although management companies such as Fountain Forestry and Economic Forestry can look after your woodlands for you, forestry is generally a real business involving real decisions.

Enterprise zone buildings

These offer the relative safety of bricks and mortar with the benefits of 100 per cent tax relief. You can borrow in order to buy and set the interest against the income from the property. So a taxpayer who can obtain 50 to 60 per cent relief and who borrows half the gross cost will actually pay little or nothing as an initial outlay.

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If you move upwards of £150,000 available you might just be able to buy your property; otherwise you could invest as little as £5,000 in a unitized pooled scheme. But it is normally a long-term investment – 25 years before you can sell without your initial investment being treated as taxable income in the year of sale.

If you want to shelter income in the current tax year, you would do well to act as soon as possible. Many opportunities are already closing at first the Budget and then the end of the tax year (eg a 60 per cent taxpayer in 1986-7 this could be your last chance to shelter income at this rate).

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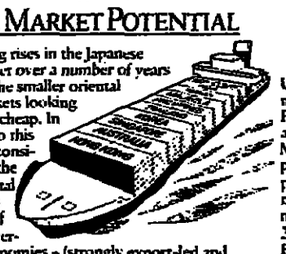
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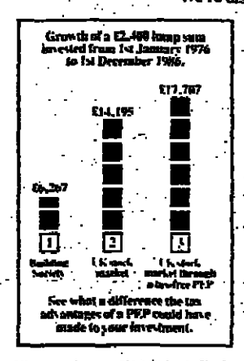
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Spring is approaching, a time when not only flowers but also For Sale signs start to burgeon everywhere. LIZ WALKINGTON analyses the costs of moving house

As the weather turns warmer and the evenings lengthen, looking for a new home can seem a pleasant prospect. Unfortunately, it can also be a very expensive business, even before the mortgage begins.

The first expense is likely to be a holding deposit, paid to the seller's estate agent when an offer is accepted. This is effectively a gesture of good faith, and is refundable if the sale falls through. The amount the agent will ask for can vary, but in most cases £100 should be sufficient.

Next comes the survey fee, which the lender will require in advance. For the purposes of valuation, the lender will commission a basic survey to determine if the property is structurally sound. This will cost about £60 for a property valued at £30,000, or about £80 at £60,000.

For your own purposes, you may want a more detailed report. A full structural survey is the most expensive option, with fees varying according to the age, size and type of building. This will not usually include a valuation, so you would have to pay for that separately, but some cost may be saved by using the same surveyor as your lender.

For flats, a full survey may not be worthwhile, as part of the structure could be inaccessible. An intermediate possibility is a home-buyers' report and valuation, costing about £130 for a £30,000 property, rising to £175 on a home that is worth £60,000.

While your lender is pursuing the survey and references, you will need to arrange for the conveyancing. The simplest approach is to instruct a solicitor, but fees vary considerably as there is no fixed scale. One factor involved is the firm's own overheads. A solicitor based in the centre of town may charge more than one on the outskirts.

The amount of work involved, and the risk element, as measured by the property's value, are other criteria. As a rough guide, you can reckon to pay about 0.5 per cent of the purchase price, but it is worth trying several firms to compare quotes.

It is possible to do your conveyancing yourself, though it is a complex business, and certainly inadvisable if the property is leasehold. Inexperience can cause delays, which could be a deterrent to your prospective purchaser.

A non-solicitor conveyancer may be somewhat cheaper, but lenders do not always accept conveyancers for their own legal work. If you appoint a solicitor who is acceptable, he will charge separately for this part, but it should be cheaper than paying two different people.

Banks, and the foreign banks in particular, may insist on using their own solicitors, and the costs will be passed on as part of an arrangement fee, which can be as much as £250. You can usually have this fee added to the mortgage loan, which can help your cash flow.

Even so, your solicitor may still need to undertake some work on behalf of the bank,



Nick Rogers

Young hopefuls: buying a house can bring its own problems

Borrowing a deposit can be expensive

and may even charge you more than he would to deal with a building society. This is a point worth checking if you have a choice of lender.

In addition to the conveyancing, the solicitor will undertake other work on your behalf. Local authority searches are carried out to ensure that there are no development plans that would affect your home — such as building a bypass through the middle of it! These should cost around £15. Land Registry fees, for recording the change of ownership, vary with the value of the property, being about £40 on £30,000, and £100 on £60,000.

The final part of the solicitor's bill is stamp duty. This is payable on all purchases over £30,000 at a rate of 1 per cent of the total value. If your purchase price is just over £30,000, you should try to negotiate separately for any contents, so that the value of the building itself falls below the critical level.

Once the mortgage has been agreed, and the searches done, the next important stage is to exchange contracts with the vendor. At this point, you will be asked for a deposit of between 5 and 10 per cent of the price. Even if you have arranged a 100 per cent mortgage, you will probably have to pay this yourself, though the lender would then reimburse it on completion.

Borrowing this money can be very expensive. National Westminster Bank, for example, charges a £75 flat fee plus interest at 7 per cent over base rate. A loan account is a cheaper option, if you can arrange it with your bank.

Alternatively, there is the deposit guarantee scheme, whereby your solicitor arranges a guarantee for the required sum in placed of the actual cash. This would cost a first-time buyer £45 on £3,000,

More to pay if you are selling too

or £70 on £5,000. For a combined sale and purchase, premiums are lower, at £42 and £29 respectively. Unfortunately, not all solicitors participate in the scheme.

You will also be responsible from this point for the buildings insurance on the property, which works out to about £1.60 to £2 annually per £1,000 insured. With flats, this may be arranged for the whole building by the freeholder or management company, in which case it will probably be included in the service charge.

One further expense that may arise is an indemnity fee, payable if the mortgage is more than 75 per cent or 30 per cent of the valuation. It is a one-off payment, amounting to about 3 per cent of the excess loan, and like arrangement fees, it may be added to the mortgage.

For first-time buyers, this should cover just about everything. If you also have a property to sell, though, there are yet further expenses to take into account.

Estate agents' fees show marked regional differences. In the north, it is most common to give one firm sole agency, in which case the commission will be about 1.5 per cent of the selling price, and you will be asked to pay the related costs such as advertising.

In the south, it is more usual to instruct several agents. Only the firm that gets the sale will charge, but in this case it will be at least 2 per cent, and in London anything up to 3.5 per cent. This is, however, all-inclusive.

There will also be further solicitor's fees, for the work involved in the sale. Again, these can vary considerably, but will probably be as much again as the basic costs on purchase.

One of the hardest decisions is whether to buy first or sell first, unless you are fortunate enough to achieve a perfect co-ordination. If you sell first, you will have to arrange temporary accommodation for yourself and your belongings. If you buy first, you may need a bridging loan until the sale money comes through. You will also find yourself saddled with two sets of mortgage payments and bills.

Finally, when the great day arrives, there will be the costs of removal. Whether you do this yourself and hire a van, or use a professional, you should shop around for different quotes, and make sure of what is included. In particular, check that your belongings will be insured while in transit; even if you use a removal company, the insurance will be your responsibility if you do your own packing.

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Ships that carry door-to-door

BES

The criticism often levelled against the Business Expansion Scheme has been that it has provided a tax dodge for *higher-rate taxpayers* – rather than investment in job-creating risk-orientated ventures.

In investment terms this means that in single-company issues there has been a preponderance of asset-backed "safe" *vehicles – property* development, farming, pubs, wine and more recently secured building contractors.

There is, of course, no such thing as a safe investment in unquoted companies, and those who put their money into farming and wine ventures have seen the value of their "safe" assets decline quite considerably.

It is pleasing, therefore, to see that some of the more genuine, risky ventures have indeed thrived under the BES. For instance, Hitech Lighting, which manufactures and distributes specialist lighting, recently reported pre-tax profits of £293,000 in its previous six months' trading.

Apart from being one year ahead of the projections forecast in the Hitech Lighting prospectus, the figures reflect trading results. Often BES companies vaunt profit figures in their early years that represent nothing more than interest earned on the money they raised under the BES.

Hitech's chairman says: "The outlook for the remainder of the year is very promising, and we anticipate that the full year's results will produce a level of sales and profitability well in excess of the figures projected in the company's prospectus for the year to March 31, 1988."

Changes in last year's Finance Act have allowed ship chartering to qualify under the BES and a couple of sponsors have taken advantage of this.

Bromley Shipping, which is sponsored by LET Financial Services, is one such instance. LET is a subsidiary of London and Edinburgh Trust, the publicly quoted and highly successful property group run by the Beckwith brothers, Peter and John.



One of Bromley's ships heads for port. Centre: Bromley's chief executive, Max Heinimann, seeking at least £1.6 million and a maximum £4.65 million for the scheme. Right: Lockton's managing director, John Edwards, with £6 million in mind

The prospectus for Bromley Shipping is one of the prettiest *I have seen!*

The company, which is looking for a maximum of £4.65 million (minimum £1.6 million), intends to operate *purpose-built shallow-draft* and low-profile ships.

The prospectus explains that traditionally between up-river destinations in northern Europe and the UK cargoes have been transported by barges on the inland leg and then transferred to ships for the sea stretch of the journey.

Up-river destinations more accessible

However, Bromley intends to use the shallow-draft and low-profile ships that can do both legs, without the need for a transfer. Thereby the transport costs are reduced and up-river destinations become *more accessible.*

The idea is to provide a door-to-door service for cargoes such as coal, grain, minerals, animal feeds and a *range of other products.*

Max Heinimann, chief executive of Bromley, has already done this profitably with his own company Union Transport (London). In its last year Union Transport made £800,000 profit after tax and has a net worth of more than £5 million.

Mr Heinimann will devote at least a third of his time to the BES company – for which he is getting a three-year service *contract paying him* £17,500 a year.

Although this works out at more than £50,000 a year if a full-time multiplier is used, it *is worth bearing in mind that* Union Transport, Mr Heinimann's company, is investing £200,000 in the company, paying the same price as *outside investors without* getting the tax relief.

Obviously, the fact that he is running a similar company is also something worthy of *consideration – as LET itself* realizes in the prospectus.

"UT and Bromley will be trading in the same market and UT recognizes that there would be potential for conflicts of interest," it says.

*Three of the Bromley direc*tors are unconnected with Union Transport and the prospectus says the management intends that the two companies co-operate on ventures to ensure that the interests of outside investors are not prejudiced.

Bromley's chairman is Andrew Smith, who is also chairman of Capel-Cure Myers, *the stockbroker.*

LET is also putting in £80,000 of its own money. It will receive a hefty 5 per cent commission on the money that is raised, paying 1.5 per cent of this to recognized intermediaries who introduce investments.

LET and Union Transport have share options – exercisable at a 50p premium – if profits of the company reach £400,000 before tax before April 1985. These will enable them to bring their combined investment up to 30 per cent of the company.

Company seeking £6m maximum

The projections in the prospectus are for profits of £239,000 in year one, rising to £672,000 in year three. The minimum that an investor can put into the company is £500.

Guinness Mahon is sponsoring Lockton Shops, a new company intending to set up a *chain of electrical* goods shops operating from freehold and leasehold premises.

It has already agreed with Bang & Olufsen, Panasonic and Technics that it can act as their authorized dealers in *suitable locations.*

The company is looking for a *maximum of £6 million,* and the directors along with other directors of Guinness Mahon are putting in £150,000 on the same terms as the outside investors.

Interestingly, there are no special classes of shares entitling *the directors* to take a greater slice of the company if it succeeds – although there is provision for an executive share option scheme covering a modest 5 per cent of the company. The sponsor has options over 5 per cent of the company, but will have to pay a premium of 60p.

In common with at least one other BES issue previously sponsored by *Guinness Mahon,* there is not much in the way of full-time management. The managing director undertakes to work not *less than* 25 hours a week for a salary of £25,000.

The minimum you can invest in this company is £1,000. The prospectus says the sponsor will pay "professional advisers" between 2 and 3 per cent commission depending on how much *money they introduce.*

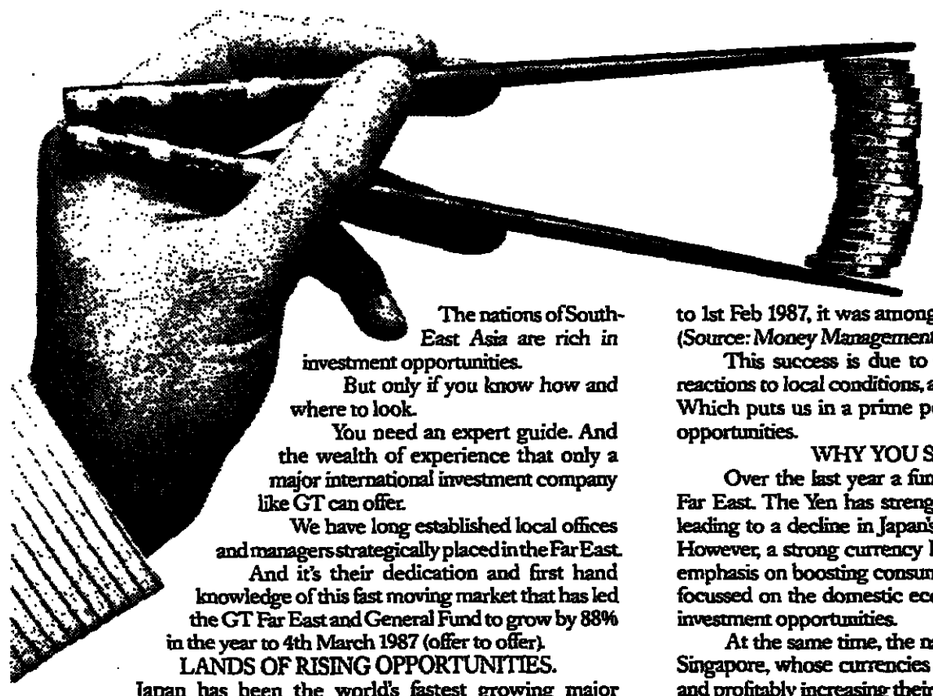
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BUSINESS EXPANSION COMPANIES

Company	Activity	Sponsor	Telephone	Indiv Min	Closing Date
Acorn Hardwoods	Sawmill	Acorn	0728 3377	£520	April 5
Alliance Property & Construction	Consl & Mngmnt	Guidehouse	01-606 6321	£500	March 16
Barbican Health & Fitness	Leisure	Baltic	01-439 9899	£500	March 16
Bromley Shipping	Shipping	LET	01-581 1322	£500	March 14
Burrell Contracts	Building Management	Oakland Capital	0488 83555	£1,000	April Cafe Inns
Pubs & Pastry	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£2,000	March 31	
Captain O.M. Watts	Leisure	Palmerston Secs	01-935 5566	£1,200	April 3
Cavendish Constructors	Building Contractors	Smith & Williamson	01-637 5377	£2,500	March 13
Chester International Hotel	Hotels	Capital Ventures	0242 584380	£3,000	March 23
Country Gardens	Garden Centres	—	0235 833900	£3,000	March 16
Country Resort Hotels	Country Hotels	Johnson Fry	01-4390924	£1,000	April 5
Crossland Lighting	Lighting Products	Neville Ind	021-454 5431	£637.50	March 11
Croydon Cable TV	Cable TV	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£1,000	March 30
Dix Belgravia	Property Development	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£3,000	April 5
Edinburgh Tanders	Petroleum Freight	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£3,000	April 5
Fast Forward Inns	Pubs	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£1,000	March 13
Film Asset	Film Development	Chancery Secs	01-242 2563	£500	March 13
Gladding Secured Contractors	Property Development	Chancery Securities	01-242 2563	£575	March 17
Jasmin Electronics	Digital Systems Eng	—	0533 515515	£553	April 27
Lockton Shops	Specialist retail	Guinness Mahon	01-623 9333	£1,000	March 14
Oak Hotels	Hotels	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£1,200	March 13
Perry Publications	Publishing	—	01-629 4688	£500	April 3
Peter Ling Design	Building & Design	Austin Hom	01-499 0328	£2,500	March 16
Portledge Hotel	Hotel	—	02375 262	£500	March 12
Roman Homes	Retirement Homes	Capital Ventures	0242 584380	£900	April 2
Secure Retirement	Sheltered Housing	Geyser	01-623 6788	£1,000	March 16
Secured Property	Building Contractors	Choumantros	01-626 4200	£1,000	March 17
Trinity Estates	Property Development	Chancery Secs	01-242 2563	£500	March 17
Thames Line	Transport/Property	Johnson Fry	01-439 0924	£2,000	March 13
Unicorn Heritage	Royal Britain Exhibition	Johnson Fry	01-4390924	£3,000	March 10
Walker Wingsail	Design	—	0703 454855	£105	Open-ended
FUNDS					
Cave 1986/87 Fund	Small Companies	Capital Ventures	0242 584380	£3,000	Feb 28
Mercia VC	Venture Capital	—	021 2333404	£2,500	Open-ended
Octagon Spring 87	New Companies			£3,000	March 20
Second Johnson Fry	Small companies	Johnson Fry	01-4390924	£1,000	April 5
Sixth Alpha BES	High growth companies	—	0488 83555	£3,000	Open-ended
Sussex BES	Sussex companies	Pointon York	01-6313015	£1,000	March 16

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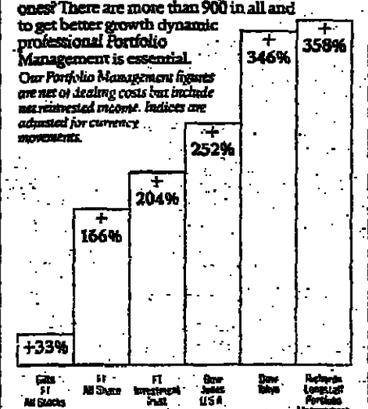
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WINE

CONAL GREGORY, Master of Wine, assesses pre-Budget investments in bottled assets

It is a rare Budget where the Chancellor either reduces excise duty on wine — as he did in 1984 to bring the ratio more into line with that of beer prices — or leaves it static, as happened last March.

This year the signs point to an increase, with merchants recommending purchases before the Budget.

Although the Wine and Spirit Association is campaigning against any rise in wine and spirit duty and even "a real reduction" for fortified wines such as sherry and port, most people in the trade echo the comment by Arnold Tasker, chairman of the Wine Development Board, that "it would be lucky to get away with a minimum increase".

The anti-alcohol lobby is urging the Chancellor to increase excise duty well above the rate of inflation, which was 3.9 per cent in January and only 3.4 per cent last year.

Yet alcohol consumption in the UK dropped by an average 12.8 per cent in 1981-85 despite an increase in the number of licensed premises. Part of the decline is clearly attributable to over-taxation on spirits and fortified wines.

With political pressure not to hit Scotch whisky in view of both the number of non-operational distilleries and the employees on short-time working, the Chancellor is likely to raise only spirit prices in line with inflation.

"Fortified wines will not stand an increase," says Richard Tanner, chairman of Tanners of Shrewsbury, old-established wine merchants.

He has observed how buoyant sales of the company's Manzanilla Sherry, Crusted and Vintage Character Port have been. The latter, which replaced Cockburn Vintage Character, is supplied by a new house, Churchill Graham. It is a fine blend of quality wines from some of the best grade A *quintas* in the valleys of the Upper Douro and Pinhao rivers.

Michael Egan, of Sotheby's, reports keen demand for three port vintages: 1963 (such as Cockburn at £320 per dozen bottles and Dow at £340), 1970 (such as Quinta do Noval for £170) and particularly 1977. Indeed 1977 ports are securing the same prices as wines of 1970, such as Croft '70 and Warre '77, both at £170 and estimated at £160-£190.

Michael Broadbent, of Christie's, recommends you should "still buy 1975 and 1977 vintage port" as "good value". The 1975s made £110-£125 on February 5.

The possible declaration of another vintage — the 1985 — will have a firm effect on prices but this will not be known for several months.

It is likely that Customs and Excise will introduce a new drinks category. This will be for coolers and the like which are so popular in North America and attract wine rates of duty. A lower tax on those drinks of 2 to 7 per cent by volume alcohol could help certain brands.

Alastair Marshall, the fine wines manager of Adnams of Southwold, expects all wines to rise in line with inflation. Adnams' recent sale showed keen demand by investors, particularly for young claret of 1982 (such as Château Beychevelle) and 1983.

John Thorogood, the wine buyer and director of Lay and Wheeler, of Colchester, expects 5p per bottle on all wines — still, sparkling and fortified.

He says there has been firm purchasing of 1978 and 1982 clarets since Christmas for laying down, and 1981 Bordeaux for early drinking.

He is visiting claret estates next week and is worried by the 15 per cent rise in real terms, although few top vineyards have yet revealed their 1986 prices. With large stocks of 1982, 1983 and 1985 in the United States, Mr Thorogood says a 20 per cent price fall for the last harvest is in order.

Mr Broadbent at Christie's says only 2.1 per cent of the Bordeaux stock sold in the January auction was to Americans and 75 per cent to UK buyers, but the proportions had changed to 12.5 per cent and 67 per cent by the fine wine sale in early February.

He makes particular mention of how Château Petrus, the outstanding Pomerol, has settled down in price to the lower and middle scale of Christie's estimates.

Key pointers in the next few weeks will be the wine auctions at Phillips in Park End Street, Oxford, on Tuesday with a good range and tasting from 11am, at Sotheby's on Wednesday of fine wines, port and cognac, and at Christie's on March 19 of Bordeaux and vintage port.

Final tip: with sparkling wines up 11.7 per cent on the moving annual total (and light wines up 7.1 per cent), the Chancellor may well increase champagne and other bubbly *above* inflation, as he has done markedly on past occasions.



AVERAGE CURRENT RATES OF EXCISE DUTY FOR EEC WINES

Bottle size	Type	£ per doz bottles
70cl	Still light (e.g. Mosel)	8.23
73cl	Still light (e.g. Rhône)	8.59
75cl	Still light (e.g. claret)	8.82
75cl	Sparkling (incl champagne)	14.56
70cl	Fortified (e.g. sherry)*	15.11
75cl	Fortified (e.g. Madeira)*	16.18
70cl	Fortified (e.g. port)**	17.28
75cl	Fortified (e.g. port)**	18.51

* Not exceeding 18 per cent by volume alcohol
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Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 25).

Shares	Mo	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+7	+3	+5	+8	+2			
2	+3	+6	+6	+4	+3			
3	+3	+3	+4	+5	+4			
4	+5	+5	+4	+8	+3			
5	+3	+5	+5	+8	+1			
6	+3	+5	+4	+6	+4			
7	+3	+8	+8	+5	+3			
8	+4	+2	+5	+5	+5			
9	+2	+5	+5	+5	+2			
10	+6	+5	+5	+5	+2			
11	+5	+2	+3	+7	+4			
12	+5	+4	+6	+6	+1			
13	+3	+6	+5	+7	+4			
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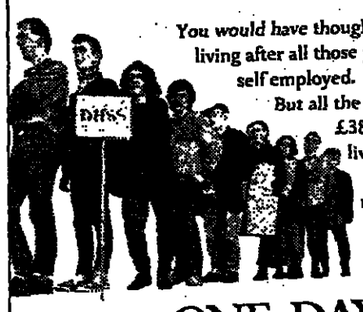
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Shop around for health cover, but do it now



The Government has just allocated an extra £25 million to the National Health Service in an effort to cut hospital queues. But with almost 700,000 on the NHS waiting list many have turned to private medical insurance as the solution to the queue.

If you are tempted to do the same and you cannot get cover through your employer, the key words are "shop around" and "act soon".

Shop around because the difference in costs between insurers can amount to several *hundred pounds — for very similar* cover. Act soon because some insurers review their premiums twice a year and the annual review of health costs by the Department of Health and Social Security takes place in April.

Costs can also be substantially cut by taking advantage of one of the many discounts on offer.

For example, Access cardholders get a 15 per cent discount form PPP. Health First takes off 18 per cent for the self-employed; Crusader reduces premiums by 25 per cent for those taking out policies through Crusader agents, and paying through National Girobank will save you 10 per cent with BCWA.

Little variation between insurers

You would be very unlucky *not to qualify for some sort of* discount with most insurers.

There are generally up to three levels of cover to choose from — London teaching hospital, provincial teaching hospital and provincial non-teaching hospital.

Premiums for some of the major insurers for the first two levels of cover are shown in the table. They include a 5 per cent discount for payment by direct debit, if applicable. Cover does not vary much between the insurers — usually no annual maximum and up to £1,900 for anaesthetists' and surgeons' fees for complex operations, for example. The exception is EHAS, where limits for cover are a little lower.

The higher costs of insurance in London reflect the higher accommodation charges there. A night in the Humana Hospital Wellington, for example, could set you back as much as £245 before treatment. The top NHS hospitals are not much cheaper — a night in a postgraduate teaching hospital costs £191.

The insurers provide lists of hospitals and their charges, so you can work out the right level of cover for you.

What are the advantages of going private? Not even the insurance companies claim that you get better treatment. What you do get is faster treatment for conditions considered non-urgent by the *cash-limited NHS, such as hip* replacements and varicose veins.

According to BUPA, roughly 13 per cent of non-emergency surgery in Britain is performed in the *independent sector, plus around a* quarter of hip replacements.

Private treatment also usually has the advantage of a single room with more home comforts such as television, telephone and private bathroom. There is some choice of consultant and more say in when you go into hospital — particularly valuable for the self-employed.

Private medical insurance is not all-embracing, however. Exclusions include visits to your general practitioner, pregnancy and childbirth, routine dental treatment, most long-term geriatric care and any conditions that were known to exist (or in some cases showed possible symptoms) before the insurance was taken out.

Private medical care is also more readily available in some parts of the country than others. There are many private hospitals in London, but in some areas of Scotland, for example, there are few private facilities. Check the situation in your area before paying out vast sums for insurance.

Note that some insurers offer special deals or facilities. For example, although most *insurers increase premiums* regularly with age, EHAS charges the same rate for all, making it good value for older people. Young people are at an advantage with BCWA which does not automatically *increase premiums after the age* of 30 for existing subscribers.

Crown Life is the only insurer to offer a no-claims discount. Everyone gets an initial 20 per cent on joining, which is included in the price *shown in the table, and claim-*free years can increase this up to a maximum of 40 per cent after five years.

PPP offers to reduce costs by 15 per cent if you accept

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certain exclusions to your cover such as nursing at home and physiotherapy. A similar *reduction is made if you agree* to pay the first amount of any claim.

Two plans offer a cheaper alternative to the mainstream policies in the table. With PPP's Private Hospital Plan (or Retirement Plan for the retired) and Health First's Prompt Care Plan, insurance covers private medical treatment for conditions where the NHS waiting list is longer than six weeks.

There is an annual limit to claims of £5,000 (doubled in *special cases) and if treatment* is carried out under the NHS a cash payment of £26 a night is made. Premiums for a single 29-year-old are £72.96 with Health First and £91.20 with PPP, while for a couple where the elder is 59, Health First charges £300.96 and PPP £296.40.

A new plan entered the market this week aimed specifically at women. Life Wise, the new policy from Health First, provides cover for private treatment of two conditions, breast and cervical cancer. Treatment can be carried out at any hospital — there are no regional variations in cover.

If breast cancer is diagnosed or a hysterectomy is carried out, a cash payment of £1,000 is made towards domestic help or whatever the insured desires. Screening is not included in the cover. The annual cost for a 40-year-old woman is £55 (£66 if she has not been screened during the past three years).

Jane Alexander

Company	London cover, annual premium: Single person, aged 29	Family of four, eldest 45	Couple, elder 59	Provincial cover, annual premium: Single person, aged 29	Family of four, eldest 45	Couple, elder 59
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Crown Life 04862 5033	£239.60	£762.70	£721.40	£154.60	£492.10	£465.40
Crusader 07372 42424	£301.15	£827.15	£936.66	£208.53	£579.56	£651.23
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You choose your own hours, which can be full-time or part-time, from as little as one half day or evening a week – selling often takes place in the evenings.

No special skills, qualifications or experience are required as training is provided. But it will help if you have enthusiasm, resilience, confidence, an interest in selling and a cheerful, outgoing personality.

Sellers, or agents, are continually in demand, partly because so many are needed by companies using this form of trading, but also because there is a high turnover as a number of people work only temporarily, to achieve a particular objective that their everyday budget will not meet – a special holiday, perhaps, or driving lessons or a word processor.

The Direct Selling Association was formed in 1965 to ensure consumer protection and ethical standards of selling among the 30 or so member companies, whose products include clothes, cosmetics, household goods, reference books and encyclopaedias, toys, hobby equipment, electrical appliances, diet plans, crystal and porcelain. Insurance and home improvements, however, are not included.

A recent survey by the association showed that in 1985 these companies achieved sales of £330 million through 260,000 agents.

Many sellers and managers are women, as the work fits in well with their home and family commitments.

Others who use direct selling to add to their finances temporarily include part-time workers, pensioners, students (who find it useful to include work experience on their curriculum vitae when applying for jobs), freelance people needing to top up their income, and actors and musicians who are "resting".

Ask for a list of member companies

One young man made enough from part-time selling to finance himself while setting up his own pop group. Some people use it to support themselves during business start-up.

A good way to begin is to contact the association for a list of member companies, then choose one with the products and type of selling you would prefer.

Selling takes several forms. One is party plan: a friend or neighbour is encouraged to host a party, and invitations make clear that the purpose is to see a product demonstrated by the seller, or agent, and then have the opportunity of buying.

Another is person to person selling, which entails calling on people at home, by appointment if a fairly long demonstration is involved.

A third approach, selling to people at work, usually occurs in major cities such as London, where products include clothes, jewellery and snack meals. This, of course, means working during business hours, though not necessarily full-time.

There is also network marketing, which Richard Berry, the association's director-general, describes as a type of franchising in which two people, such as a married couple, can use their respective skills in administration and selling to build up distribution networks.

£200 good average for a five-day week

This method may be better suited to those with some experience and proven entrepreneurial instinct.

The new direct seller, working one or two evenings a week, can expect to make about £40, while a successful full-time worker could reckon on a five-figure income; £200 is a good average for a five-day week. Payment is in the form of commission on sales, and some companies offer an incentive bonus too.

It is important to remember that, as most direct sellers are self-employed, you are responsible for your own National Insurance contributions and for declaring your earnings to the Inland Revenue. Records must be kept of income and outgoings. And as a self-employed person you are not entitled to paid holidays.

If you are unemployed, the money you earn will affect your unemployment and supplementary benefits. If you are in full-time employment, make sure there is no clause in your contract preventing you from taking on additional paid work.

The shorter working week, lack of jobs and early retirement schemes encourage some to embark on selling as a second career, for either the whole or part of their income. A number of teachers, incidentally, have given up their career in education in favour of selling.

Another category is that of young graduates and others who are unable to find employment, or perhaps have not finally decided on a career, or are not attracted by the prospect of regular hours in an office.

For some, selling or business may well become their first career. They get results and, at the same time, learn the arts of self-presentation and of handling time, gain business training and experience and are promoted step by step to senior management, with responsibility for an ever larger area.

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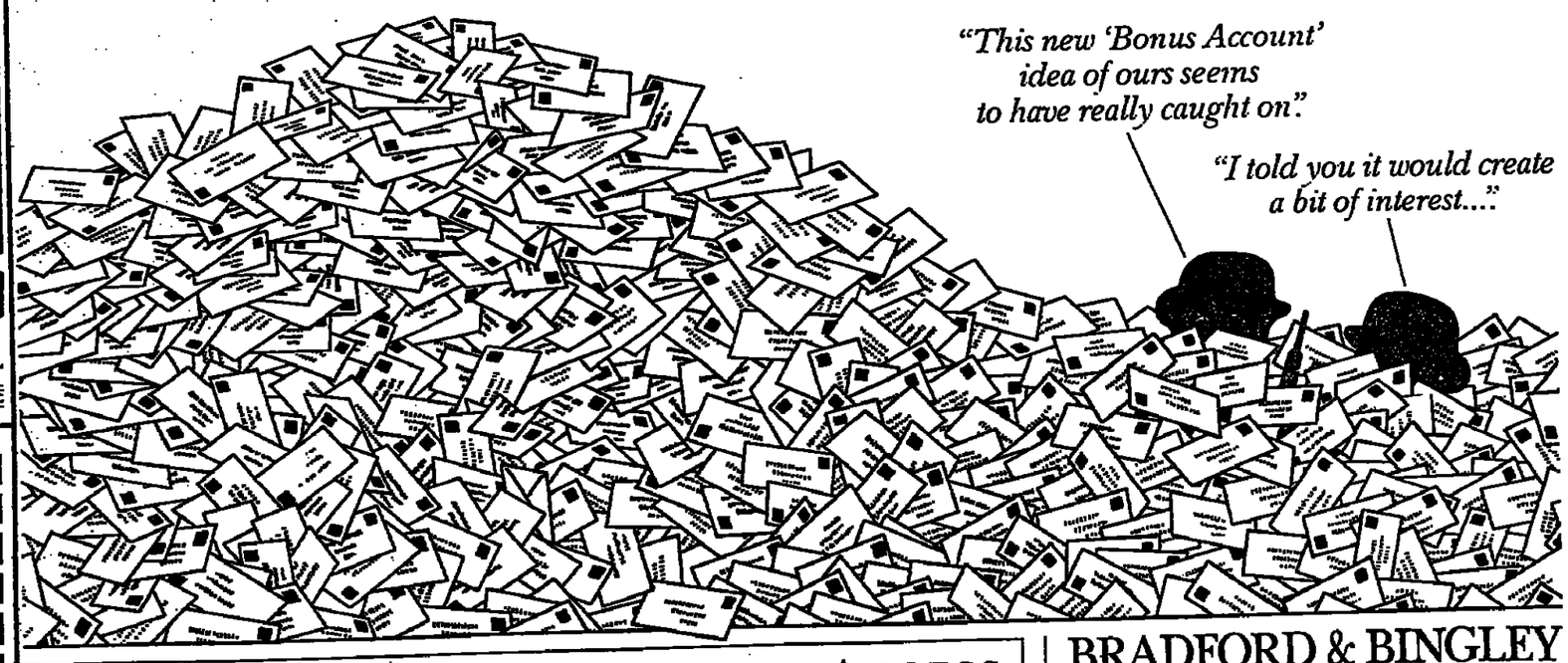
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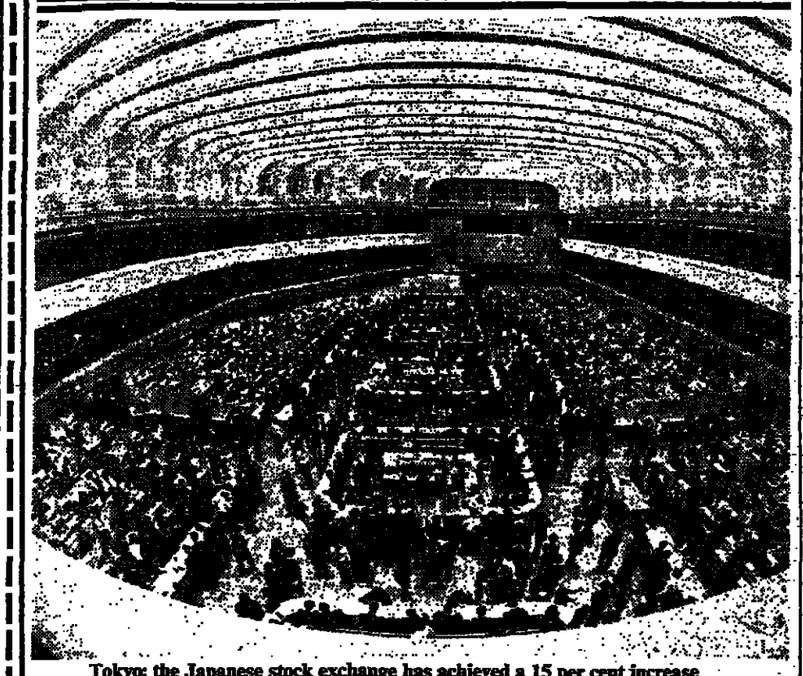
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Tokyo: the Japanese stock exchange has achieved a 15 per cent increase

Money on the move

The major world stock markets continued to forge ahead last month. Across the Atlantic, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has risen nearly 20 per cent since the start of the year, while in the Far East the Tokyo New Stock Exchange Index now stands 15 per cent higher.

The UK market, of course, has not missed out on the euphoria. The FT Actuaries All-Share Index is around 18 per cent up on its January 2 level.

A common factor behind all these market movements is the considerable amount of money internationally chasing a good home. Of particular importance recently have been the Japanese financial institutions, which are actively being encouraged at present to put money overseas to reduce the upward pressure on the yen. A good example of their buying power has been the recent flurry of activity in the major pharmaceutical stocks.

Against this happy background, all UK equity unit trusts marked up price increases in February. Star performers were Provident Mutual's Equity Growth fund with an 18.9 per cent rise, while FS Assurance was close behind, with both its Service Companies and Balanced Growth trusts showing jumps of 16 per cent or more.

Even the UK gilt market was caught up in the excitement as investors looked for a cut in interest rates to precede or coincide with the Chancellor's Budget statement. Allied Dunbar Convertible & Gilt fund marked up a 9.5 per cent price improvement over the month, and Prolific's similar portfolio was 8 per cent ahead.

Over on Wall Street, it has been several of the smaller company and technology stocks that have been setting the pace during the past few weeks. Target Technology, for instance, has registered a 28.7 per cent increase since the end of December, while the recently revamped GT American Special Situations fund is just 1 per cent behind. Abbey US Emerging Companies was also in close contention with a 24 per cent rise over the past two months.

This is a welcome reversal of fortunes for these funds compared with their unitholders' experiences last year. At the end of 1986, Target Technology stood at 90th out of 103 funds in the North American sector, and Abbey's portfolio was just two from bottom place.

Another area showing evidence of reviving fortunes in recent weeks has been Australia. The country's All Ordinaries Index during the past four months has achieved nearly half the gain that the market recorded during the whole of 1986.

Particularly strong have been the gold and energy sectors. The Japanese again have had a major part to play in this, being big buyers of bullion during the latter half of last year.

Reflecting the sharp rise in gold mining shares, the offer price of Waverley Australasian Gold has more than doubled over the six months, while M&G's primarily natural resource-based Australasian portfolio has notched up a 63 per cent increase over the same period.

The brokers Kleinwort Grieveson believe the Australian market will continue to move ahead during 1987. "US dollar weakness, a firmer oil price and continuing demand for gold bullion," they comment, "should support the gold sector. Australian gold stocks remain cheap in global terms."

As for attraction of the country's industrial stocks "down under", much will depend on a continued recovery for the Australian dollar. The country's current account performance now appears to be on the mend, which should ease pressure on the currency to allow for a gradual easing of interest rates.

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Apportioning damages between two independent tortfeasors

Fitzgerald v Lane and Another

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Edward Eveleigh

[Judgment March 6]

Where a plaintiff was injured on successive occasions by two tortfeasors, each acting independently, the second tortfeasor was as liable as the first tortfeasor in damages even though the plaintiff could not positively prove that the second tortfeasor caused or materially contributed to his injury.

If the plaintiff was as much to blame as each of the defendant for the negligent action which caused the injury, he could only recover 50 per cent of the damages which would then be apportioned equally between the two defendants.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing in part an appeal by the first defendant, Vernon Lane, and the second defendant, Prafulbhai Jayantibhai Patel, from a decision of Sir Douglas Frank, QC, sitting as a High Court Judge on July 9, 1986 on an action for damages brought by the plaintiff, Simon Peter Fitzgerald.

Mr Dermod O'Brien, QC and Mr Henry de Lotbiniere for the second defendant; Mr William Gage, QC and Mr Simon S. Brown for the first defendant; Mr Robin Stewart, QC and Mr Kieran May for the plaintiff.

SIR EDWARD EVELEIGH said that on March 21, 1983 the traffic at Esher High Street was busy. The plaintiff, aged 22, crossed the pelican crossing showing green in the traffic's favour and was struck by the first defendant's Morris 1100 when he reached the centre of the road.

He was thrown up on to the bonnet and into contact with the windscreen which shattered and then he was propelled forward and on to the offside of the road where he was struck by a Cortina driven by the second defendant.

The plaintiff sustained multiple injuries and in particular injury to the neck which resulted in partial tetraplegia. The judge found that all three parties had been negligent. He assessed the total award of damages at £596,553. He held that both drivers were responsible for the plaintiff's tetraplegia.

He said that as to apportionment it was impossible to say that one of the parties was more or less to blame than the other and that the responsibility should be borne equally by all three. On the basis of that finding he ordered judgment to be entered for the plaintiff against each defendant for one-third of the plaintiff's damages.

Both defendants now appealed. Each said that the judge was wrong in holding him to have been negligent. Alternatively, each said that the other defendant and the plaintiff should have been ordered to bear a greater share of the responsibility.

The second defendant further contended that the judge was wrong in holding that the impact with his car was a cause of the plaintiff's tetraplegia.

In his Lordship's view, the evidence supported the judge's conclusion on liability which should not be reversed. On the question of apportionment, the judge's finding indicated that he thought that each of the three parties was equally at fault.

That being so, the correct form of the judgment should be "judgment for the plaintiff for 50 per cent of his claim against each defendant". There would then follow the order for contribution between the two defendants on a fifty-fifty basis.

In applying section 1(1) of the Law Reform (Contributory Negligence) Act 1945 the court should consider the position between the plaintiff and each defendant separately: see *Miraflores v Abadesa* ([1967] 1 AC 826).

His Lordship would allow the appeal of each of the defendants in relation to apportionment.

His Lordship considered the question of causation. The tetraplegia resulted from a fracture dislocation of the cervical spine of a type commonly caused by forward inflexion of the head.

Both doctors were questioned with a view to establishing which of the four stages of the accident was responsible for such a movement of the head. The doctors agreed that there were four possibilities, namely, the initial impact, impact with the windscreen, impact with the ground and the impact with the second defendant's car.

Dr Pallis gave evidence for the plaintiff and Dr Hopkins for the second defendant. When Dr Hopkins was asked his assessment of the probability of each of the four possibilities, he said that he placed 30 per cent on each of the first three and only 10 per cent on the last. However, he seemed to think that the last impact was less severe than the damage to the car would indicate. The judge did not accept his assessment.

At one point Dr Pallis was persuaded to agree that the cause was the totality of the injuries in the sense that they had a cumulative effect. However, when asked to consider the *matter* again, he said that his conclusions were that the tetraplegia could have been caused by either collision or that both collisions could materially have contributed to the damage.

The judge carefully considered the medical evidence and thought each of the three possibilities was equally probable and he was unable to distinguish between them.

After careful consideration, his Lordship could not treat the judge to mean that all three combined to produce the injury by a cumulative effect. His Lordship had considered whether it was possible to reach his own conclusion as to the probable cause of the injury, but had concluded that he could not.

The plaintiff and the first defendant relied upon *McGhee v National Coal Board* ([1973] 1 WLR 1). The facts of that case were very different from the facts in the present case. That case was concerned with the failure of the employer to alleviate a condition which was already a potential cause of dermatitis.

The court in the present case was concerned to determine whether the impact with the second defendant's car caused or contributed to the tetraplegia by inflicting the causative blow to an uninjured neck, or by increasing the harmful consequence to an already injured neck.

However, the principle enunciated in *McGhee* had been taken one step further in *Wilsher v Essex Area Health Authority* ([1987] 2 WLR 425).

In that case the plaintiff had been born prematurely, suffering from various illnesses, including oxygen deficiency. The plaintiff was negligently given excess oxygen and he claimed damages for an incurable condition of the retina resulting in near blindness, which, it was alleged, was caused or contributed by the excess oxygen.

However, oxygen was merely one of several different factors, any one of which could have caused or contributed to the eye condition. Medical evidence was unable to single out the responsible factor. The majority of the Court of Appeal held that the defendants were liable.

In his Lordship's opinion, the present case was covered by the decision in *Wilsher* and the second defendant was liable to the plaintiff.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Slade delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Joynson-Hicks; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Underwood & Co.

Meaning of 'supply' of drugs belonging to another

Regina v Maginnis

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches March 5]

Where controlled drugs were left under the driver's seat of the defendant's car by a friend to whom he intended to return them, he was guilty of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply it unlawfully to another, contrary to section 5(3) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the Crown from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Mann) ([1986] QB 618), who in December 1985 allowed an appeal by the defendant, Patrick Terrance Maginnis, against his conviction at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Pullinger and a jury) in June 1985.

Section 4(1) of the 1971 Act provides: "(1) Subject to any regulations under section 7 of this Act for the time being in force, it shall not be lawful for a person . . . (b) to supply or offer to supply a controlled drug to another."

Section 5 provides: "(1) Subject to any regulations under section 7 of this Act for the time being in force, it shall not be lawful for a person to have a controlled drug in his possession.

"(2) . . . it is an offence for a person to have a controlled drug in his possession in contravention of subsection (1) above.

"(3) . . . it is an offence for a person to have a controlled drug in his possession, whether lawfully or not, with intent to supply it to another in contravention of section 4(1) of this Act."

Mr Michael Kalisher, QC and Mr Michael Birnbaum for the Crown; Mr Keith Stones and Mr Douglas Taylor for the defendant.

LORD KEITH said that the defendant had pleaded guilty to a count of unlawful possession of a controlled drug contrary to section 5(2) of the 1971 Act but not guilty to a count of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply it unlawfully to another contrary to section 5(3). The trial had proceeded on the latter count.

Evidence had been led by the prosecution to the effect that a package containing 227 grams of cannabis resin, a controlled drug having a street value of about £500, had been found under the driver's seat of the defendant's car after he had been arrested in connection with an alleged assault.

The defendant had stated to police officers that he did not deal in drugs and that the package had been left in the car on the previous evening by a friend. He had declined to name the friend and had said: "I expected him to come round and pick it up."

At the close of the prosecution case, counsel for the defendant had asked the judge to direct the jury that, if they accepted that his intention had been merely to return the package of drugs to the person who had left it in the car, that would not have been an intent to supply it to another in contravention of section 4(1)(b) of the 1971 Act and he should therefore be acquitted on that count.

The judge had ruled that the intention to return the package to the person who had left it in the car did constitute the requisite intent for conviction, and the defendant had thereupon changed his plea on that count to one of guilty. He had been sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

No question arose as to the possible application of any regulations made under section 7. The issue in the appeal was concerned with the meaning properly to be attributed to the word "supply" in sections 4(1) and 5(3).

That was to be ascertained in the usual way by reference to the ordinary natural meaning of the word together with any assistance that might be afforded by the context.

The word "supply", in its ordinary natural meaning, conveyed the idea of furnishing or providing to another something that was wanted or required in order to meet the wants or requirements of that other. It connoted more than the mere transfer of physical control of some chattel or object from one person to another. No one would ordinarily say that to hand over something to a mere custodier was to supply him with it.

The additional concept was that of enabling the recipient to apply the thing handed over to purposes for which he desired or had a duty to apply it. In his Lordship's opinion, it was not a necessary element in the conception of "supply" that the provision should be made out of the personal resources of the person who did the supplying.

Thus if an employee drew from his employer's store, materials or equipment that he required for purposes of his work, it involved no straining of language to say that the storekeeper "supplied" him with those materials or that equipment, notwithstanding that they did not form part of the storekeeper's own resources and that he was merely the custodier of them.

His Lordship thought the same was true if it was the owner of the business who was drawing from his own storekeeper tools or materials that formed part of his own resources. The storekeeper could be said to be supplying him with what he needed.

If a trafficker in controlled drugs set up a store of those in the custody of a friend whom he thought unlikely to attract the suspicions of the police, and later drew on the store for the purposes of his trade, or for his own use, the custodier was, in his Lordship's opinion, rightly to be regarded as supplying him with drugs.

On the assumed facts of the present case (they had never been tested before the jury), the defendant had been made custodier of the drugs by his unnamed friend, who, having regard to the quantity of the drugs, might legitimately be inferred to have been a trader.

If on a later occasion the defendant had handed the drugs back to his friend, he would have done so in order to enable the friend to apply the drugs for the friend's own purposes. He would accordingly, in his Lordship's opinion, have supplied the drugs to his friend in contravention of section 4(1).

It followed that, in so far as he had been in possession of the drugs with the intention of handing them back to the friend when asked for by the latter, he had been in possession with intent to supply the drugs to another in contravention of section 4(1) and had thus been guilty under section 5(3).

His Lordship would allow the appeal, amend the question certified by the Court of Appeal to read: "Whether a person in unlawful possession of a controlled drug which has been deposited with him for safe keeping has the intent to supply that drug to another if his intention is to return the drug to the person who deposited it with him" and answer the question as so amended in the affirmative.

Lord Brandon, Lord Mackay and Lord Oliver agreed.

LORD GOFF, dissenting, said that to him "supply", as used in relation to goods, connoted the idea of making goods available to another from resources other than those of the recipient. He did not feel able to say that either the delivery of goods by a depositor to a depositee or the redelivery of goods by a depositee to a depositor could sensibly be described as an act of supplying goods to another. He certainly could not conceive of himself using the word "supply" in that context in ordinary speech.

He would not describe the delivery by the depositor to the depositee as a supply of goods because the goods were not being made available to him but were rather being entrusted to him; and he would not describe the redelivery by the depositee to the depositor as a supply of goods because the goods were simply being returned to him rather than being made available to him from resources other than his own.

That conclusion seemed to his Lordship to accord with the evident purpose of section 5(3). That subsection created an offence evidently directed at those who were "pushing" controlled drugs.

To impose a meaning on "supply" that would have the effect that every depositee of controlled drugs would be in possession of them with intent to supply them to another could result in persons being convicted of that offence when they should only be convicted of unlawful possession.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; Huntley Millard & Co, Woolwich.

HOCKEY

Spray's call to GB squad may harm Southgate's cause

By Sydney Friskin

Mike Spray is the only Southgate player in a Great Britain squad of 27 for the Sultan Aslan Shah tournament at Ipoh, Malaysia, from April 14 to 20.

If Spray is selected for Great Britain, he will miss Southgate's European Cup qualifying tournament at home against the champion clubs of Finland and Poland on April 18 and 19. The winners of this contest will qualify for the B division of the European Cup competition at Swansea from June 5 to 8.

The rest ofSouthgate's internationals are unavailable for Ipoh to help the club's two-fold ambition to win the Swansea tournament and the Hockey Association Cup. That would enable Southgate to return to the A division of the European Cup next season, which they won from 1976 to 1978.

On March 22, Southgate have a fourth round HA Cup match against Welton, from Yorkshire, and are also well in the running for the premier division championship of the Pizza Express London League, where they have an away match at Reading tomorrow. Dodds and Boxell are unavailable for Southgate, while Reading are calling on Davey and Lock (both Cambridge Blues).

Taunton Vale, the leaders with 29 points, have completed their fixtures in the premier division of the Sun Life West League and could be overhauled today by Exeter University, who with 27 points play their last match at Cheltenham.

Coming in with a late spurt are Isca, champions for the last nine years, who with 25 points can finish on top again with a total of 31. They play Hereford today and Plymouth next Sunday.

A close finish can be expected in the first division of the Midlands Wilson League where four teams, Coventry and North Warwickshire, Olton and West Warwickshire, Bourneville and Harborne are in the running. In the first division of the Tipp-Ex Yorkshire League, Doncaster have a clear six-point lead over Wakefield, each side having played 12 games.

England's players can emerge from shadows

By Joyce Whitehead

England, without the eight players who are channelling all their prowess into the Great Britain squad, have arranged for the first international of the season against Wales at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff to be played this morning to avoid a clash with the rugby international.

With Lynda Carr having retired, the selectors have returned to Jane Swinnerton, to spearhead the attack after a two-year absence. Rosemary Goodridge, who scored the late winner as a substitute in 1982 against the Americans in Kuala Lumpur, at last comes off the bench, while Margaret Burrows and Val Hallam, the goalkeepers who have lived in the shadows of Julie Cook, are raring to show their ability, although Burrows is recovering from a broken toe.

For Wales, Margaret Medlow, the captain, has resigned from Great Britain's squad and can rely on nine of last year's squad as well as Sue Crowley and Kate Roderick, the opportunist goal poacher. Six players are from Swansea

● The University match takes place today at Fenner's (2 pm)

ENGLAND: V Hallam, (Sheffield League), M Burrows (Derbyshire), L Bayliss (Staffordshire), S Williams (Buckinghamshire), S Lister (Essex, capt), H Brown (Sheffield League), R Goodridge (Devon), S Holwell (Leicestershire), J Swinnerton (Staffordshire), J Bannister (Cheshire), J Crook (Lancashire), N Dix (Durham), C Liddell (Essex), J Sinsmith (Warwickshire), A Smith, G Haggon (both Yorkshire).
WALES: S Crowsley, R Ellis, F McCarthy, M Medlow, (capt), H Morgan, C Thomas, (all Swansea), J Bass, S Lloyd (West Wales), H Green (Newtown), A Jones (SGHE), H Thomas, S Waters (Cwmbran), S Manley (Leicestershire), C Williams (Portsmouth), M Williams (Own Tawe), K Roderick (Penarth).

NORDIC SKIING

Inspiring Spotswood

By Michael Coleman

Inspired by the aggressive John Spotswood, Britain made a clean sweep of the gold medals in the men's contests to win the Nations Cup at the Lowlanders Championships this week at Isny, West Germany.

Spotswood won the opening 30km classical, the first Briton to do so since the championships began in 1961, took a bronze in the 15km free-style, and then set the team on the path to victory in the 4x10km free-style relay. His fast opening leg wrecked the hopes of teams from France and West Germany taking part in the parallel Citizens Cup contest.

Backing up Spotswood were Ron Howden, Canadian-reared although of Northern Ireland origin, Andy Wylie, and Ewan Mackenzie. Howden's relay gold came on top of his 15km free-style win on Wednesday when he demolished the redoubtable Frenchman Eric Vaurs, the best performer at the Lowlanders last year.

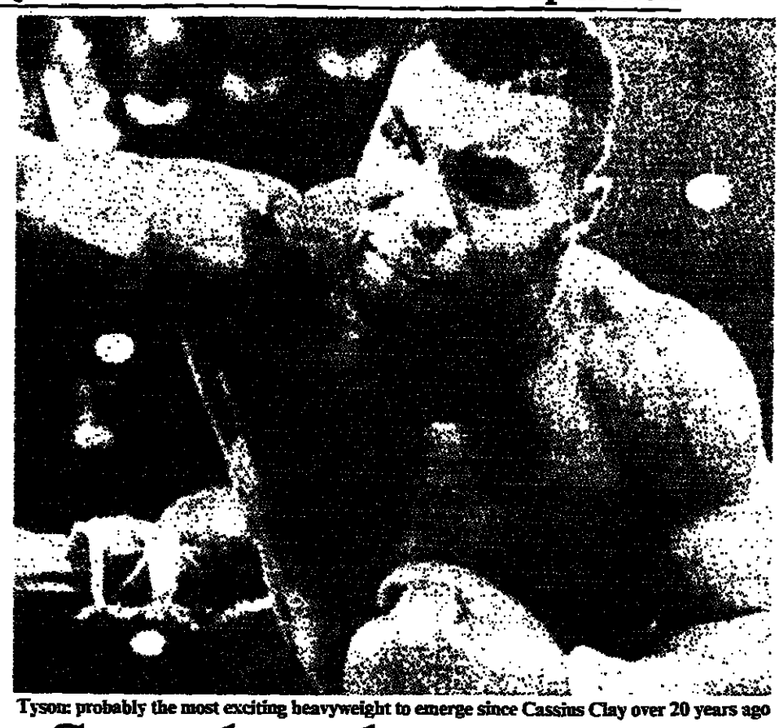
Colonel Johnny Walker, director of the British Nordic Ski team, called the Isny performances a "quantum leap" in a pre-Olympic year and attributed the successes to the work being done by the new Swedish coach, Christa Ericsson, to the unexpected late sponsorship given by Samuel Montague and to the emergence of Spotswood as a respected racer in any company.

RESULTS: 4x10km Free-style: 1, Britain, 1hr 51min 00sec; 2, West Germany, 1:52:30; 3, France, 1:54:27.

Andries could shake the Hit Man while Tyson can confirm his awesome reputation



Andries: Posing a threat to Hearns's quest to win three world titles at different weights



Tyson: probably the most exciting heavyweight to emerge since Cassius Clay over 20 years ago

Champion ready for opponent's red flag

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Detroit

Dennis Andries, Britain's World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, may be the underdog in Las Vegas but when he woke up yesterday he found the city's most knowledgeable boxing expert giving him more than a fighting chance to retain his title against Thomas Hearns, at the Cobo Arena here today. That man was none other than Emmanuel Steward, Hearns's manager.

Steward told the boxing columnist of the Detroit Free Press "I always said the guy to beat Tommy would be a bull, like Marvin Hagler. Andries is that type."

The director of the famous Kronk gym had been having misgivings about Hearns's decision to challenge for the light-heavyweight title ever since he was floored by a cruiserweight, Clarence Osby, during training the other day.

Although Hearns jumped up and laughed it off, Steward has clearly been worried whether his man, who is really not even a proper middleweight even though beefed up to 171lbs, will be able to clear the 20lb gap between divisions. Andries is likely to come in at 175lb.

But Hearns maintained: "If I did not think I could win I would not have taken the fight." Osby backed him up by saying: "I don't see any difference between Hearns and most light-heavyweights. He is stronger than most." Andries's trainer, Ken Bogner, who has been saying all week that his strength would prove too much, was delighted at Steward's admission. "This will lift Dennis tremendously," he said.

Hearns, still known as the Hit Man and beaten only twice in 45 contests, had been struggling to stop middleweights. Bogner said: "Hearns still hits like a light-middleweight.

"I have taught Dennis some new moves but of course he might not remember them in the fight and that may not be such a bad thing as some of those crazy punches that Dennis throws will throw Hearns out of his stride. If Dennis can get into a scrap Hearns will come off second best."

So both Bogner and Steward realize it will be a tactical battle. Bogner wants Andries to pressure Hearns and go for the body. Steward wants Hearns to stay out of range and frustrate him with his stiff jab. "I know Andries has very little respect for Thomas. He thinks he will walk through him but he is not a Tyson, he is a small heavyweight and flat-footed. The key to the fight is the left jab and Thomas will frustrate him with that," Steward said.

According to Bogner's scenario Hearns will come out "throwing bombs" for three rounds and then if he finds that Andries is still standing Hearns will start boxing. But Bogner believed that Andries would catch up with Hearns in the later rounds when he is running out of energy and slowing down.

However, both camps admit that the man who wants the title most will win it. Is Hearns's desire to become the first welterweight champion to win the light-heavyweight title and go on to become the first man to win four titles greater than Andries's craving for recognition? Bogner put it well: "Dennis is a hungry champion. A champion is nothing without fans. A champion is nothing without recognition. He wants them bad and this is his chance to get them." The case for Andries certainly looks stronger.

● Andries was still very upset yesterday about reports that he would be matched with Gerry Cooney, the Irish-American super-heavyweight. Andries spent half an hour on the phone on Thursday reassuring his wife, Odette, in London, that he would not go through with such a contest. "Why would I want to fight Cooney? My health is too important."

Speed and power can crush confident Smith

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Las Vagas

The professional fight game does not nowadays have a very good name, least of all the heavyweight division. Mike Tyson, the most exciting heavyweight to emerge since Cassius Clay more than 20 years ago, can maybe reverse the rating.

Tyson will, it has to be expected, add the World Boxing Association title to the World Boxing Council version even faster tonight when he meets James "Bonecrusher" Smith here at the Hilton Center, than when he reduced Trevor Berbick to the dimensions of a rag doll inside three rounds last November.

Tyson does not look like a fighter who has been created by some slick line in show business imagination. He hits phenomenally hard and those of his 28 opponents who have been knocked down and did not get up — 16 of them in the first round — have no doubt realized, if conscious before the count of 10, that if they did not get off at this stop, the next one would be arriving fairly quickly.

There is, as I have argued before, no harm in boxing, only in some of those who exploit the fact that fighters, and the public, are suspect to manipulation. The public continues to pay to see challengers who have transparently been piloted to a false reputation through soft elimination bouts for one fat pay-off. The racket is as old as boxing.

The heavyweight division is presently abound with inadequate challengers, not to say champions and former champions, and Tyson thankfully is picking them off. He is, optimistically, too good to be manipulated. Milles Lane, the referee when Tyson laid out Berbick, has said that he "cannot remember seeing someone with such controlled violence."

He chose his words well. Tyson, as is by now well-known, was a violent boy, yet has found control of his instinct in the ring, thanks to intervention, when he was a young thug from Brooklyn in detention, by Bobby Stewart, a social worker, and the late Cus D'Amato, that respected trainer. But for them, Tyson would be, as he says of former friends, "dead or in jail."

Boxing has made Tyson, not harmed him, and I wonder what those social architects who wish to ban professional boxing would say of Tyson if they stopped to consider the logic of their thinking: a disadvantaged, criminal being rehabilitated, and becoming an example to other children, by the discipline of the ring.

The last bare-knuckled heavyweight championship bout was just over a hundred years ago, in 1882, and A J Liebling reminds us in The Sweet Science, Billy Ray, who had 140 bare-fist contests and retired with the advent of gloves because he thought the game was getting soft, lived to his nineties in full command of all his faculties. You can box and remain sane if the sport is properly controlled.

Heavyweight boxing has been through a grey period since the retirement, shamefully protracted, of Ali. Tyson, a shortish man with a heavyweight's punch and a middleweight's speed, promises to produce an era to rank alongside the likes of Louis, Marciano, and Ali.

In the usual pre-fight hyperbole, which Tyson hates, Smith has been saying, I understand, that he has the kind of punch which Tyson has yet to meet, and that he will stop him.

I am sure Smith believes this. I do not. Smith stepped into the WBA title with an unexpected cheap ticket when Tubbs failed to challenge and Witherspoon, the defending champion, was as usual less than fit. Yet having seen Witherspoon dispose of Bruno and, previously, Bruno outbox Smith for nine rounds and throw it away in the tenth, I think Smith may be back in the dressing-room counting his million dollar purse inside 11 minutes.

Tyson is said to frighten his opponents before a punch is thrown, the way Louis used to do. I cannot see Smith, even if his bravery lasts beyond the first bell, withstanding those body punches, let alone those short left hooks.

Because they are violent by trade, boxers seem to have a compensatory hobby of keeping pigeonsbecause they are gentle. Tonight's confrontation should see Tyson hastening home to his pigeons at Capskill and eager to prepare for the bout with the IBF title holder (the IBF has stripped Michael Spinks of his title for failing to make a mandatory defence), which can make him, in every sense, the undisputed champion: a man who is a credit to his sport and to his race.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Andries		Hearns
30	Age	28
175lb	Weight	171lb
5ft 11½in	Height	6ft 1in
75½in	Reach	78½in
	Chest	
39in	Normal	41½in
41in	Expanded	44in
17½in	Biceps	15in
12in	Forearm	12½in
31in	Waist	30in
22½in	Thigh	21in
15½in	Calf	13¼in
17in	Neck	15½in
7½in	Wrist	7¼in
12¾	Fist	12½in
9¾in	Ankle	8¾in

RECORDS

Andries: 36 contests: 28 wins, 6 defeats, 2 draws, 17 knock-outs.
Hearns: 45 contests: 43 wins, 2 defeats, 35 knock-outs.

Tyson		Smith
20	Age	33
218lb	Weight	230lb
5ft 11½in	Height	6ft 4in
71in	Reach	82in
	Chest	
43in	Normal	42½in
45in	Expanded	44in
15in	Biceps	16in
14in	Forearm	14in
34in	Waist	38in
27in	Thigh	23in
18in	Calf	16in
19¾in	Neck	18in
8in	Wrist	9in
13in	Fist	13½in
11in	Ankle	9in

RECORDS

Tyson: 28 contests: 28 wins, no defeats, 26 knock-outs.
Smith: 24 contests: 15 wins, 5 defeats, 14 knock-outs.

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND SPORT

3.0 unless stated

First division

Charlton v West Ham
Chelsea v Arsenal
Coventry v Sheffield Wed
Liverpool v Luton
Manchester Utd v Manchester C
Newcastle v A Villa
Norwich v Wimbledon
Nottingham F v Oxford
Southampton v Leicester
Tottenham v QPR

Vauxhall-Opel League

Premier division

B Stortford v Bognor
Bromley v Wokingham
Croydon v Hitchin
Farnborough v Carshalton
St Albans v Kingstonian
Slough v Hayes
Tooting v Wycombe
Walthamstow v Dulwich
Windsor v Harrow
Worthing v Hendon
Yeovil v Barking

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Basildon v Leatherhead; Boreham v Maidenhead United; Epsom and Ewell v Leytonstone Ilford; Finchley v Southwick; Leyton Wingate v Hampton; Oxford City v Kingsbury; Stevenage v Bracknell; Tilbury v Staines; Uxbridge v Lewes; Walton and Hersham v Billericay; Wembley v Grays. Second division north: Aveley v Wivenhoe; Clapton v Heybridge; Collier Row v Tring (3.30); Harlow v Berkhamsted; Hemel Hempstead v Hertford; Hornchurch v Haringey; Letchworth GC v Saffron Walden; Rainham v Barton Rovers; Chesham; Vauxhall Motors v Newmarket; Wolverton v Ware. Second division south: Banstead v Marlow; Camberley v Feltham; Chalfont St Peter v Metropolitan Police; Eastbourne United v Molesey; Egham v Whyteleafe; Horsham v Dorking; Hungerford v Flackwell Heath; Ruislip Manor v Chertsey; Southall v Harefield; Woking v Petersfield.

FA VASE: Sixth round replay: Falmouth v St Helens.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Shepshed; Basingstoke v Crawley; Corby v Cambridge City; Fisher v Aylesbury; Folkestone v Dudley; Gosport v Bromsgrove; King's Lynn v Chelmsford; Redditch v Bedworth; Witney v Salisbury; Worcester v Willenhall. Midland division: Buckingham v VS Rugby; Coventry Sporting v Sutton Coldfield; Gloucester v Bilston; Grantham v Merthyr Tydfil; Halesowen v Leicester United; Hednesford v Forest Green; Mile Oak v Moor Green; Stourbridge v Banbury; Wellingborough v Leamington. Southern division: Andover v Chatham; Ashford v Dover; Canterbury v Poole; Corinthian v Tonbridge; Dunstable v Dorchester; Erith and Belvedere v Sheppey; Gravesend and Northfleet v Thanet; Hastings v Trowbridge; Ruislip v Burnham and Hillingdon; Woodford v Waterlooville.

FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Fourth round replays: East Riding v Manchester (at North Ferriby FC, 2.0); North Riding v Berks and Bucks (at Whitby FC).

DURHAM CUP: Semi-finals (2.30): Brandon v Coundon; Ryhope CA v Bishop Auckland.

WESTMORELAND SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Netherfield v Compton.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Semi-final: Old Reptonians v Old Malvernians (2.30).

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Ardinians; Old Chigwellians v Old Brentwoods; Lancing Old Boys v Old Cholmeleians. First division: Old Citizens v Old Westminsters; Old Harrovians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Salopians v Old Wykehamists; Old Wellingtonians v Old Bradfieldians.

Second division

Birmingham v Sunderland
Bradford v Blackburn
Brighton v Derby
Hull v Huddersfield
Leeds v Grimsby
Plymouth v Millwall
Sheffield Utd v Barnsley
Shrewsbury v C Palace
Stoke v Ipswich
WBA v Portsmouth

FA TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Barnet v Fareham; Dagenham v Kidderminster; Maidstone v Burton; Nuneaton v Dartford.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston v Stafford; Gateshead v Cheltenham; Sutton United v Runcorn; Welling v Altrincham. Postponed: Kettering v Telford.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Buxton v South Liverpool; Caernarfon v Marine; Chorley v Bangor; Gainsborough v Oswestry; Goole v Macclesfield; Horwich v Mossley; Hyde v Barrow; Matlock v Workington; Southport v Rhyl; Worksop v Morecambe.

IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Bangor v Portadown; Coleraine v Ballymena; Crusaders v Cliftonville; Distillery v Newry; Glentoran v Ards; Linfield v Carrick.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION (2.0): Arsenal v Watford (3.0); Luton v Tottenham; West Ham v Chelsea. Postponed: Reading v Millwall.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division (2.0): Ash v Cranleigh; Chobham v Malden Vale; Cove v Mersham; Farleigh v Farnham; Frimley Green v Cobham; Harley Wintney v Godalming; Horley v Virginia Water (3.0); Malden Town v Chipstead; Westfield v BAe (Weybridge).

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Brantham v Ely; Chatteris v Felixstowe; Godmanchester v Tiptree; Great Yarmouth v Watton; Histon v Haverhill; Lowestoft v Newmarket; March v Clacton; Soham v Braintree; Thetford v Harwich and Parkeston. League Cup: Semi-finals: Bury v Wisbech; Sudbury v Stowmarket.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Liskeard; Clevedon v Barnstaple; Clevedon v Minehead; Chippenham v Plymouth Argyle; Exmouth v Melksham; Roma v Bristol City; Paulton v Saltash; Taunton v Clandown; Torrington v Bideford; Weston-super-Mare v Dawlish.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Sloil Cup: Second round (2.30): Morris Motors v Viking; Wantage v Abingdon Town. Premier division: Abingdon United v Fairford; Bicester v Pegasus; Hounslow v Shortwood; Morston v Yate; Rayners Lane v Penhill; Sharpness v Supermarine; Wallingford v Thame.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Brimsdown v Basildon; North Greenford v Waltham Abbey. Premier division: Barkingside v Danson; Beaconsfield v Yeading; Corinthian Casuals v Crown and Manor; Hanwell v Ulysses; Northwood v Pennant; Redhill v Amersham; Southgate v Edgware.

DRYBOROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington v Spennymoor; Blyth v Penrice (3.15); Chester le Street v Easington; Ferryhill v Whitley Bay; Newcastle Blue Star v Hartlepool Reserves; North Shields v Crook (3.15); South Bank v Consett (3.15).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton v Denaby; Armthorpe Welfare v Belper; Boston v Bentley VW; Bridlington Trinity v Long Eaton; Farsley v North Ferriby; Guiseley v Eastwood; Harrogate v Thackley; Pontefract v Bridlington Town; Sutton Town v Emley.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League cup: Fourth round: Ashton; Curzon Ashton. Fourth round replay: Kirkby v Leyland Motors. First division: Clitheroe v Glossop; Congleton v Burscough; Eastwood Hanley v Irlam; Fleetwood v Bootle (3.15); Radcliffe v Leek (3.15); Rossendale v Accrington Stanley; Winsford v Stalybridge (3.15).

Third division

Blackpool v Mansfield
Brentford v Walsall
Bristol R v Carlisle
Bury v Fulham
Chester v Bolton
Doncaster v Notts Co
Gillingham v P Vale
Middlesbrough v Bristol C
Rotherham v York
Swindon v Darlington
Wigan v Bournemouth

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League cup: Third round: Portfield v Three Bridges. First division: Arundel v Wick; Chichester v Littlehampton; Eastbourne Town v Burgess Hill; Haywards Heath v Horsham YMCA; Midhurst and Easebourne v Hailsham; Shoreham v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Whitehawk v Lancing.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Arsenal v Orient; Cambridge United v Tottenham; Charlton v Norwich City; Chelsea v Southend; Gillingham v West Ham; Ipswich v Fulham. Second division: Bournemouth v Southampton; Northampton v Brentford; Reading v Bristol Rovers; Southend v Oxford United; Swindon v Luton; Tottenham v Brighton; Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.

ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior section: Bowers v Witham; Brightlingsea v East Ham; Canvey Island v Sawbridgeworth; Chelmsford v Maldon; East Thurrock v Halstead; Eton Manor v Woodford; Ford v Brentwood; Stanstead v Burnham.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Amphill v Stamford; Brackley v Eynesbury; Kempston v Desborough; Northampton Spencer v Baldock; Potton v Irthlingborough; Raunds v S and L Corby; St Neots v Bourne; Spalding v Long Buckby; Stotfold v Arlesey; Wootton v Rothwell.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley v Portsmouth RN; Brockenhurst v Sholing; Havant v Horndean; Newport v Thatcham; Romsey v Bournemouth; Steyning v Wallworthy.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cambridge University v Hounslow; Cheam v Weybridge Hawks; Dulwich v Blackheath; Hampstead v Slough; Maidenhead v Guildford; Old Kingstonian v Richmond; Reading v Spencer; St Albans v Bromley; Southgate v Wimbledon; Teddington v Beckenham; Tulse Hill v Surbiton.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Broxbourne v Bishop's Stortford; Bury St Edmunds v Bluehartz; Cambridge City v Chelmsford; Harleston Magpies v Ipswich; Old Loughtonians v Brentwood; Peterborough Town v Bedford; St Neots v Norfolk Wanderers; Westcliff v Ford.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Chichester v Gore Court; Eastcote v Havant; East Grinstead v Bognor; Indian Gymkhana v Lewes; Marlow v Anchorians; Oxford Hawks v Old Tauntonians; Trojans v Lyons; Tunbridge Wells v Fareham. Hampshire/Surrey: Bournemouth v Metropolitan Police; Camberley v Epsom; Hamble Old Boys v Basingstoke; Merton v Woking; Nat West Bank v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Southampton University v Fleet; US Portsmouth v Barnes; Winchester v Walton. Kent/Sussex: Canterbury v Herne Bay; Maidstone v Thames Polytechnic; Marden Russets v Gravesend; Middleton v Old Beccehamians; Old Bordenians; Tonbridge; Old Williamsonians v Folkestone Optimist; Sevenoaks v South Saxons; Worthing v Lloyds Bank. Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v NPL; Bicester v City of Oxford; Garrards Cross v Reading University; Old Marchant Taylors v Aylesbury; Polytechnic v Harrow Town Swans; Sunbury v Hayes; Tilehurst v Hendon.

WILSON LEAGUE: First division: Cannock v Pickwick; Knowle v Harborne; Leicester Westleigh v Bournville; Redditch v Olton and West Warwickshire; Stone v South Nottinghamshire; Stourport v Derby; Streetly v Coventry and North Warwickshire; Wombourne v Chesterfield.

WOMEN: Wales v England (at Cardiff, 11.40). University match: Cambridge University v Oxford University (at Fenner's, 2.0)

Fourth division

Burnley v Exeter
Cambridge v Wrexham
Halifax v Crewe
Hartlepool v Aldershot
Hereford v Northampton
Orient v Wolverhampton
Preston v Rochdale
Scunthorpe v Cardiff

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals (8.0): Sharp Manchester United v Happy Easter Bracknell Pirates; BCP London v Leicester Riders.

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.0): Second division men: TF Group Cleveland v Lambeth Topcats; Ellesmere Port v Swindon Rakers; TVS Oldham Celtics v Plymouth Raiders; Team Walsall v Just Rentals Rhondda. First division women: Chamos Swifts Derby v BCP London (4.30); Stockport Louvolite v Hemel and Watford Rebels.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Boardman and Eccles v Stockport; Old Stopfordians v Old Hulmeians; Old Waconians v Urmston; Sale v Cheadle.

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Buckhurst Hill v Enfield; London University v Hampstead; Oxford University v Cambridge University; Purley v Kenton.

WOMEN: England v Scotland (at Queen's Park Rangers FC, 2.0).

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hertfordshire v South Staffordshire (Sir Frederick Osborn School, Welwyn GC, 11.30); Middlesex v Surrey (at Warren Farm, Southall, 1.0); Essex v Metropolitan v Birmingham (at Kelmscott LC, Walthamstow, 2.0); Coventry/Sol/Warwicks v Bedfordshire (at Woodway College, Coventry, 2.0).

Scottish premier division

Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v Clydebank
Falkirk v Rangers
Hamilton v Hearts
Hibernian v Aberdeen
St Mirren v Dundee

Scottish first division

Brechin v Airdrie
Dunfermline v Dumbarton
E Fife v Montrose
Morton v Kilmarnock
Partick v Forfar
Queen of Sth v Clyde

Scottish second division

Albion v Arbroath
Ayr v Meadowbank
Berwick v E Stirling
Cowdenbeath v Raith
Smt Johnstone v Alloa
Stenhsmuir v Stranraer
Stirling v Queen's Park

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OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: AAA/WAAA indoor relay championships (at Cosford).

BADMINTON: ESBA Top schools final (at Coventry).

CANOEING: Scottish wild water championships (at Grand Tully, Perth).

CROSS-COUNTRY: Milk Welsh Schools' championships (at Newton, Powys, 1.0).

FENCING: Challenge Martini international epee (at St Paul's School, Barnes); Men's sabre team championships (at de Beaumont centre, West Kensington).

GYMNASTICS: Daily Mirror USSR display (at Wembley Arena).

ICE SKATING: Europa Cup ice speed (at Avemore); Skate Electric British challenge: Southern division (at Streatham rink, 4.0).

ROWING: Reading University head.

SAILING: Sailboat 87: RYA dinghy show (at Crystal Palace NSC).

SQUASH RACKETS: Kent open (at Gillingham). Northern Championship: Northumbria v Cumbria (at Kingston, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1.0)

TENNIS: Pearl's North-East open championship (at Top Spin Centre, Teesside, 9.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Capital City v Speedwell Rucanor (7.0); Liverpool City v Colchester (3.20); Dragonara Leeds v Polonia (6.30); Newcastle (Staffs) v Malory (7.30); Portsmouth Healsea v Spark Crook Log (7.30). First division women: Spark v Arsenal (12.30).

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
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Wales v England (at Cardiff, 2.30)...

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Leicester v Harlequins.....

CLUB MATCHES
Cambridge University v Bradford and Bingley (12.0).....
Fylde v Manchester.....
Glamorgan W v Rossiyn Park (11.0).....
Harrogate v West Hartlepool.....
Headingley v Northern.....
Liverpool St Helens v Blackrock Coll.....
London Irish v Malone.....
Lydney v Bennington.....
Morley v Metropolitan Police.....
Nuneaton v Saracens.....
Orrell v Roundhay.....
Richmond v London Scottish (12.0).....
Rugby v Oxford University.....
Sale v Gosforth.....
Sheffield v Plymouth.....
Vale of Lune v Gala.....
Wakefield v Preston Grasshoppers.....
Waterloo v Hartlepool Rovers.....

TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Sidcup v Sutton and Epsom; Woodford v Southend.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTH-ERN MERIT TABLE: Abbey v Basingstoke; Maidenhead v Bournemouth; Trojans v Havant.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Saffron Walden v Thurrock; Upper Clapton v Ipswich.

HUNTING GATES HERTFORDSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Bacavians v Stevenage; Fullerians v Old Verulamians; Hemel Hempstead v Letchworth.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Ealing v Centaurs; Lensbury v Twickenham; Mill Hill v Harrow; Old Kingsburians v Barclays Bank.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Aylesbury v Kettering; Bancroft v Dartfordians; Beckenham v Purley; Bishop's Stortford v Stockwood Park; Bromsgrove v Oxford Old Boys; Cambridge v Hertford; Camerbury v Rochford Hundred; Chelmsford v Norwich; Civil Service v Osterley; Fairbarn House v Wimbledon; Finchley v Slough; Greenwich v Bexley; Henley v Staines, Ilford Wanderers v Barnet; Maidstone v Gravesend; Newbury v Old Gaytonians; Old Johnians v KCS Old Boys; Oxford v Streatham Croydon; St Mary's Hospital v US Portsmouth; Sudbury v Colchester; Warlingham v Lewes; Westcombe Park v Medway; West London Inst v Old Emanuel.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Kidderminster v Evesham; Leamington v Wastleigh.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Armgrell v Stamford; Banbury v Long Buckby; Oadby Wyggestonians v Bletchley; Towcestrians v Vipers.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Walsall v Solihull.

WYVERN MERIT TABLE: Selly Oak v Droitwich.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aston OE v Nuneaton OE; Barker's Butts v Doranians; Bedworth v Atherstone; Birmingham Welsh v Malvern; Bridgnorth v Camp Hill; Bromsgrove v Oxford Old Boys; Burton v Stourbridge, Derby v Selby; Erdington v Newcastle; Five Ways v Warley; Handsworth v Spartans; Hinckley v Edwardians; Kersal v Dudley Kingswinford; Loughborough v Matlock; Lucknians v Gordon League; Ludlow v Old Halesonians, Mellish v Kenilworth; Newark v Pontefract; Newbold v Wednesfield; Old Centrals v Old Warwickians; Old Laurentians v Old Newtonians; Old Leamingtonians v Stratford; Old Longtonians v King's Norton. Old Moseleians v Ledbury; Pershore v Old Griffinians; Peterborough v Boston; Sandal v Chesterfield; Saintfiens v Stoke Old Boys; Stoneygate v Moderns; Stroud v Stafford; Sutton Coldfield v Worcester; Tamworth v Wilnenhall; Vesevians v Leek; West Park v Stoke; Wigston v Syston.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Mid Cheshire College. Second division: Blackburn v Sandbach; Rochdale v Netherhall; Workington v Warrington.

NORTH: Club matches: Acklam v Moortown; Beverley v Ilkley; Bradford Salem v Manx; Bramley v Thornensians; Caldy v Ormskirk; De La Salle v Sedgley Park; Doncaster v Pocklington; Driffield v Middlesbrough Wasps; Goole v Hemsworth; Grimsby v Old Hymerians; Huddersfield v Old Crossleyans, Hull and ER Spartan v Hornsea; Kendal v Davenport; Kersal v Dudley; Macclesfield v Southport; Malton and Norton v Yarnbury; Newbold v Wickes; Old Rishworthians v Cleckheaton; Rotherham v Ripon; Sandal v Chesterfield; Scarborough v Keighley; Scunthorpe v Leodiensians; Sheffield Tigers v Notts Casuals; Skipton v Rodillians; Wath v Old Otliensians; West Park v Stoke; West Park Bramhope v Barnsley; Wetherby v Northallerton; Wharfedale v Halifax; Whitby v Blyth; Wigan v Heaton Moor; Wilmslow v Chester; Wolverhampton v Winnington Park; York RI v Ionians.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chatham House v St Edmund's, Canterbury; Hampton v Latymer Upper; Marchiston Castle v Edinburgh Academy; Ormskirk GS v West Park.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Solihull Barons (7.0); Durham Wasps v Nottingham Panthers (6.30); Murrayfield Racers v Whitley Warriors (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Dundee Rockets (8.15). First division: Bournemouth Stags v Southampton Vikings (5.15); Kirkcaldey Kestrels v Telford Tigers (6.30); Lee Valley Lions v Swindon Wildcats (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Trafford Metros (6.30); Richmond Flyers v Medway Bears (5.45).

HOCKEY

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire (at Wardown Park, Luton); Buckinghamshire v Essex (at Amersham HC); Warwickshire v Lincolnshire.

UNDER 21 COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire (at Wardown Park, Luton); Buckinghamshire v Essex (at Amersham HC, 2.15); Lincolnshire v Yorkshire (at Normanby Park); Hampshire v Middlesex (at Fareham); Midlands Under 21 v Bacchanalians (at Perry Park);

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Reading v Southgate. League: Surbiton v Mid-Surrey.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Chichester v East Grinstead; Gore Court v Trojans. Hampshire/Surrey: Walton v Bournemouth. Kent/Sussex: Herne Bay v Old Williamsonians; Thames Polytechnic v Gravesend; Tonbridge v Marden Russets

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cambridgeshire finals (at Cambridge); Warwickshire finals (at Old Silhillians).

INDOOR: UAU championship finals (at Essex University).

CLUB MATCHES: Ashby v West Bridgford; Birmingham Municipal v Tamworth; Bloxwich v Old Halesonians; Cannock v Stone; Grammar v Lincoln; Kings Heath v Nuneaton; Leicester v North Stafford; Pershore v Olton and West Warwickshire; Rugby v Leamington; Stratford v Droitwich; Tenbury v Wombourne.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Liverpool v Great Dane (12.0). Kirkby Select v Ruislip Eagles (4.0). Burtenhead v Strathclyde University (3.0); EK '82 v Wakefield (2.0); Wolverhampton Polytechnic '83 v German Tornados (3.0).

BRITISH CUP (women): Quarter-final: Great Dane v EK '82 (1.0).

ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE (women) (2.0): Halewood Town v Ruislip Eagles; Halewood Forum v Wakefield Metros.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Dragonara Leeds v Colchester (2.0); Liverpool City v Newcastle (Staffs) (1.20); Redwood Lodge v WH White Poole (12.0). First division women: Bradford Mythbreakers v Ashcombe (1.30); Southgate TC v Birmingham PPG (11.30). Speedwell v Southsea Scorpions (1 0); Sale v Spark (2.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: ESBA Top schools final (at Coventry).

CANOEING: Scottish wild water championships (at Grand Tully, Perth).

DARTS: Haywards Foods British International championship: England v Scotland (at Guildhall, Preston).

EQUESTRIAN: Crookham horse trials (at Tweseldown race course, Crookham, Hampshire).

FENCING: Challenge Martini international epee (at Seymour Hall).

GYMNASTICS: Daily Mirror USSR display (at Wembley Arena).

ICE SKATING: Europa Cup ice speed (at Avemore).

MOTO-CROSS: British sidecar cross

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RACING: WEST COUNTRY CHASER CAN LIFT HAYDOCK FEATURE

Playschool poised to hand out lesson to Fitzgerald's pair

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Today's *Timeform* Chase at Haydock Park coincides with the publication of *Racehorses of 1986* which gives the joyful signal to some that another season of Flat racing is just around the corner.

This annual review of last season (obtainable from most bookstalls or direct from Portway Press, £52.00) lives up to the tremendously high standard set by Phil Bull 40 years ago and maintained ever since.

As for their race, this too is fascinating. Jimmy Fitzgerald, who has won the event twice already with Forgive'N Forget, poses a problem for punters by running Joint Sovereignty and Comeragh King.

Well that they should go, I go nap on **Playschool** who looked in such commanding form at Chepstow a fortnight ago when beating the useful Lewesdon Prince with ease.

Playschool, a Sun Alliance Chase entry, has also beaten Comeragh King once this season, over today's distance at Newbury, and I feel that his overall form suggests he will be capable of doing it again albeit on 8lb worse terms.

No matter how Fitzgerald fares in *Timeform's* race, he should still have plenty to celebrate as he should land a double on the Lancashire track with **Bucko** (2.00) and **Alarm Call** (2.30), besides picking up a prize at Newbury with **Tickite Boo** (2.45).

Bucko, who contests the valuable Greenall Whitley Breweries Chase, was an enormously impressive winner of his first race of the season on this course in November. Shortly afterwards, though, he could not have been more disappointing at Sandown where he failed to beat either Simon Legree or Sign Again.

Strictly on that run, he has no chance of beating Simon Legree now on worse terms. However, he is still preferred in the belief that that performance at Sandown was not a true reflection of his ability.

Much more recently, Bucko gave a hint of good things to come when he failed by a short head to give 24lb to Brother Geoffrey at Newcastle.

With only 10st 11lb to carry, last month's Newbury winner Burannpour could easily turn out to be Bucko's main threat especially as his trainer Toby Balding can hardly do anything wrong these days.

During the 1960s and 70s the late and great trainer Fred Rimell won the John Craig Victor Ludorum Hurdle four times. Now there is grounds for believing that his widow Mercy, who has run their Kinnersley stable so well since his death, can gain her first victory in the race with **Celtic Chief** who is likely to be a bit sharper for his recent run behind Aldino at Huntingdon which followed a rest.

Earlier in the season, Celtic Chief ran the Triumph Hurdle favourite High Knowl to a short head at Cheltenham and I think that his chance today is best judged on that run especially as Past Glories, his principal danger on form, has had a slight set-back at home since running away with his last race at Newbury.

Aldino wisely side-steps another clash with Celtic Chief, whom he would have met on vastly worse terms, to go instead for the Highclere Novices Hurdle at Newbury which he must win if he is to be taken seriously for the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham.

The main problem facing the Newbury punters is whether to plunge on the impressive course and distance winner City Entertainer to win the Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Hurdle final, despite following that awful run at Huntingdon last month, or go instead for Bonanza Boy who is a model of consistency as his record indicates.

While conceding that City Entertainer's last run was obviously too bad to be true and that it is often wise to give a horse the benefit of the doubt, I prefer to side with **Bonanza Boy**. The six-year-old has gone from strength to strength this season and must be followed again having handed out such a hiding to The West Awake at Chepstow two weeks ago.

At Market Rasen, **Albert Hall** (2.00) and **Galway Blaze** (2.30) look poised to give Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson two bites at the cherry of success. Jeremy Glover can match that feat by winning with **Quiet Fall** (3.30) and **Green Steps** (4.30). Finally, I give **Claude Monet** a fine chance of leading all the way in the Newent Chase at Hereford even though he will be carrying more than he would if this was not a handicap with a limited weight range.

Bronze Head has easy task

Old Applejack's win at Wetherby on Wednesday highlights the chance of BRONZE HEAD at Market Rasen today in the Beaumontcote Hunter Chase (Brian Beel writes). Gordon Bonas's nine-year-old comfortably beat Old Applejack at Sedgefield and has little to beat this time.

SHREWD OPERATOR should have little difficulty in following up his easy Wolverhampton success in the March Hare Hunters' Chase at Hereford.



Champion return: Nick Henderson's See You Then accelerates clear over the final flight on his way to an impressive comeback victory in Haydock's De Vere Hotels Hurdle. The dual champion hurdler is now odds-on to retain his title on March 17

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Celtic Chief.
1.30 PLAYSCHOOL (nap).
2.00 Bucko.
2.30 Alarm Call.
3.00 Santopadre.
3.30 Dan The Millar.
4.00 Sand Key.

By Michael Seely
1.30 Knockelly Castle. 3.30 DAN THE MILLAR (nap).

Going: heavy

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

1.0 JOHN CRAIG VICTOR LUDORUM HURDLE (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £5,949: 2m) (7 runners) — BBC 1

3	4111	PAST GLORIES (CD) (N Hetherton) W Elsey 11-10	P A Farrell	91	F5-2
6	420	ANYTHING BETTER (BF) (Lady Harris) G Balding 11-4	S Moore	80	5-1
7	1	CASHEW KING (D) (P Moss) B McMahon 11-4	T Wall	73	7-2
8	1124	CELTIC CHIEF (D,BF) (Mrs L Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 11-4	S Morshead	● 99	4-1
11	04	LLANARMON (R McAlpine) N Henderson 11-4	D Browne	70	12-1
13	30	MERRY JUNIOR (Mrs D Scott) E H Owen jun 11-4	R Strange	64	20-1
15	2	RAYON VERT (T Ramsden) R Simpson 11-4	D Gallagher (7)	77	7-1

1985: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

FORM PAST GLORIES, is fast improving, (11-0) beat Jazetas (11-0) a very comfortable 10l at Newbury, with ANYTHING BETTER (11-0) probably below best 20l away 6th, (2m, £5045, good to soft, Feb 13, 8 ran). ANYTHING BETTER, unlikely to turn over the form but should be judged on (11-0) a length 2nd to Admirals All (11-0) at Chepstow (2m, £1649, soft, Jan 27, 17 ran). CASHEW KING was all out to (10-7) beat Detroit Sam (11-1) 1½l at Nottingham on debut and has something to find, (2m, £1421, good to soft, Feb 16, 24 ran). CELTIC CHIEF readied race last time and ran far better when (11-0) a short head 2nd to leading juvenile High Knowl (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m, £4052, soft, Jan 1, 7 ran). LLANARMON should improve on (11-0) debut when 16¼l 4th to Alone Success (11-8) at Sandown (2m, £2923, good to soft, Feb 20, 7 ran). RAYON VERT is highly regarded and is also expected to show at least normal improvement on a (10-10) 12l 2nd to Astral (10-10) at Windsor (2m, £4110, good to soft, Feb 21, 4 ran).
Selection: CELTIC CHIEF

1.30 TIMEFORM CHASE (£10,996: 2m 4f) (8 runners) — BBC 1

1	2-11211	JOINT SOVEREIGNTY (D) (F Doyle) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-4	M Dwyer	88	5-2
2	1F1F21	PLAYSCHOOL (D) (R Corde) D Barons 9-11-4	P Nicholls	● 99	F5-4
3	112-137	TAELOS (D) (D Holt) G Richards 6-11-4	P Tuck	74	6-1
4	1631-P0	GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (A Carver) C Trietine 9-11-0	J Suthern	83	12-1
5	12411F	COMERAGH KING (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10	J J Quinn	94	7-1
7	411PP3	HY TAB (D) (W Wells) P Daly 10-10-10	R Beggan	77	20-1
8	34-1001	KNOCKELLY CASTLE (D) (Mrs J Magner) J J O'Neill 7-10-10	R Lamb	85	8-1
9	320F13	ROYAL JET (D) (G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 10-10-10	B Storey	87	10-1

FORM JOINT SOVEREIGNTY (11-12) kept on in good style to beat Ten Of Spades (11-12) 1½l at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2708, good, Dec 13, 7 ran). PLAYSCHOOL (11-7) put up one of the best novice performances of the season when beating Lewesdon Prince (11-7) 8l at Chepstow (2m 4f, £8835, soft, Feb 21, 8 ran). TAELOS (11-4) appreciated the return to a shorter distance when beating Bluecher (11-4) a neck at Ascot (2m, £6156, good, Feb 11, 7 ran). COMERAGH KING is best judged on a (11-9) 15l beating of Rhoecus (11-9) at Market Rasen (2m, £1239, soft, Dec 26, 10 ran). KNOCKELLY CASTLE (11-10) beat the moderate Bryma (11-7) 20l at Worcester (2m 4f, £2008, good to soft, Feb 18, 17 ran). ROYAL JET (10-0) never got in a blow at the principals when 7½l 3rd to Allen Glazed (10-0) at Ayr (2m, £2364, good to soft, Feb 14, 6 ran).
Selection: PLAYSCHOOL

2.0 GREENALL WHITLEY BREWERIES HANDICAP CHASE (£15,099: 3m) (8 runners) — BBC 1

1	0331P0	MAORI VENTURE (D) (H Jost) A Turnell 11-11-10	L Harvey (4)	93	14-1
2	0-31322	SIMON LEGREE (D) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 10-11-6	R Rowe	94	9-2
3	811022P	BROADHEATH (D) (M Marsh) D Barons 10-11-5	P Nicholls	90	10-1
4	21-24F0	PLUNDERING (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 10-11-5	P Scudamore	91	14-1
5	11/13F2	BUCKO (C) (Mrs P MacCann) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-10-7	M Dwyer	94	F5-2
6	00-3101	BURANNPOUR (D) (Mrs E Weinstain) G Balding 7-10-1	S Moore	● 99	7-2
7	20P-112	GREENBANK PARK (R Perkins) S Chrisian 10-10-0	R Beggan	91	9-2
8	132123	CENTRE ATTRACTION (Mrs V Mason) G Richards 8-10-0	P Tuck	91	9-1

FORM SIMON LEGREE (11-3) not disgraced when 4l 2nd to Castle Warden (10-5), with MAORI VENTURE (11-7) 40l back in 6th at Ascot (3m, £15322, good, Feb 11, 10 ran). BROADHEATH (10-5) best effort this season when beating Two Coppers (10-0) 1½l, with MAORI VENTURE (10-13) another 1½l back in 3rd and PLUNDERING (10-12) 2l further away in 4th at Newbury (3m 2f, £17448, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran). Subsequently MAORI VENTURE (11-3) beat SIMON LEGREE (11-3) 5l over the same course and distance (£5897, good to soft, Jan 3, 8 ran). BUCKO (12-3) ran his best race of the season last time when a short head 2nd to Brother Geoffrey (10-7) at Newcastle (2m 4f, £2286, good, Feb 21, 10 ran). BURANNPOUR (10-12) ran on gamely to beat Ciara Mountain (11-1) ½l, past 30L clear, at Newbury (3m, £3293, good to soft, Feb 13, 12 ran). GREENBANK PARK (10-0) found Knock Hill (10-0) 12l too good at Cheltenham (4m, £4812, soft, Dec 71, 11 ran) with PLUNDERING (11-4) 25l behind in a desappointing 6th. CENTRE ATTRACTION (10-7) looked a touch one paced when 3½l 3rd to Ciara Mountain (11-1) at Warwick (2m 4f, £3974, good, Feb 25, 6 ran).
Selection: BURANNPOUR

2.30 OYSTER NOVICE HURDLE (£2,933: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2	12	CRUSADER'S STAR (R Darlington) Mrs W Sykes 6-11-10	S Morshead	94	10-1
3	41	IT'S A PRY (Mrs A Vilar) O Sherwood 6-11-10	C Cox	82	5-1
4	410100	SAMFEN (D) (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-10	R Marley (7)	86	10-1
7	100	SALITO (M Marsh) D Barons 8-11-6	P Nicholls	—	14-1
10	30	FLYING DANCER (D Bramall) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-6		73	12-1
11	0	HARP SEAL (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 6-11-6		—	33-1
12		HOMELECK BOY (P Kelly) D McCain 8-11-6		—	20-1
20	101	ALARM CALL (D) (Mrs A F Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-4	M Dwyer	90	9-4
22	111113	MELENDEZ (CD,BF) (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-4	P Scudamore	● 99	F7-4
29	100	TAPIEM TWICE (D) (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-11-0	C Hawkins	94	8-1
31	0	JOHNS BLUFF (J Robson) J J O'Neill 4-10-10	C Grant	—	20-1

3.0 DUCHESS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,749: 2m) (8 runners)

1	02-P112	QUICKSTEP (BD,BF) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-10	P Scudamore	91	3-1
4	00-4031	SANTOPADRE (D) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-10-10	D Gallagher (7)	95	F7-4
5	201F00-	THE FOOTMAN (D) (Mrs D Macken) R Stubbs 5-10-7	D Wilkinson	● 99	12-1
8	4-33102	PRICEOFLOVE (D,BF) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 7-10-3	K Teeban	92	5-1
10	03-0001	WARWICK SUITE (V,D) (P Davies) M Naughton 5-10-0	M Hammond	90	7-1
12	0-00310	TOT (CD) (T Gladson) J Charlton 7-10-0	C Dennis (7)	85	10-1
16	00-0344	MY CHALLENGE (B,D) (K Bedworth) K Bridgwater 9-10-0	W Worthington	83	16-1
18	234/P00	ANOTHER SPECIAL (D) (G Parker) M James 9-10-0	Sharron James	—	20-1

3.30 MAD HATTER NOVICE CHASE (£2,631: 2m) (6 runners)

2	14-111F	DAN THE MILLAR (D,BF) (Mrs M Haggas) Mrs M Dickinson 8-12-1	M Dwyer	● 99	F5-4
3	210110	SOUND ARGUMENT (D) (Mrs B Dolan) M Pipe 8-12-1	P Scudamore	80	4-1
4	P1141B	ALLTEN GLAZED (D,BF) (Mrs W Widdell) M Naughton 10-11-11	C Grant (4)	98	3-1
7	304221	PATRICK'S FAIR (W Slater) R Peacock 11-11-11	R Beggan	76	6-1
9	R4/U-P20	CARDEN SPIRIT (W White) R Francis 8-11-8	D Browne	68	8-1
11	000008	DANCE OF LIFE (P Harner) P Harner 8-11-8	Mr A Walton	—	14-1

4.0 NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,001: 2m) (24 runners)

1	1	SAND KEY D (Mrs A Sanders) M Pipe 5-12-3	J Lower (4)	—	5-1
2	2	ALASKA RUN (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-10	Dan Jones (7)	—	F8-4
3		BORROWDALE (A Godrich) T Bill 5-11-10	C Kellett (7)	—	20-1
5		FRANKTON (Mrs P Stawson) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-10	Mr T Thomson Jones	—	16-1
6	0	PALMISTRY (Exors late R Bradley) P Felgate 5-11-10	M Collett (7)	—	33-1
13	3	QUINTANA (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10	R Fahey (7)	—	6-1
15	00	SOUTH SUNRISE (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 5-11-10	W Stephens (7)	—	33-1
17		ST TYRNOG (E H Owen jun) E H Owen jun 6-11-10	Mr A Griffith (7)	—	33-1
19	0	WAVERLEY BOY (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 5-11-10	R Marley (7)	—	33-1
23	0	SHADES OF OAK (S Pike) S Pike 5-11-5	A Rolls (7)	—	33-1
24	3	VELDA (S Tabenner) J L Harris 5-11-5	Vicki Harris (7)	—	8-1
26		BOLT HEAD (Mainstreet Ltd) D Barons 4-11-2	Miss T Davis (7)	—	16-1
27		C'EST LA VIE (Mrs P Pasey) M Pipe 4-11-2	S Crook (7)	—	16-1
28		CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	W O'Callaghan (7)	—	10-1
29		CRACK IT (D McCain) D McCain 4-11-2	Mr D McCain jnr (7)	—	25-1
31	3	FIBREGUIDE TECH (Fibreguide Ltd) J Berry 4-11-2	Sharron James	—	25-1
37		STRONG GOLD (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2	D Byrne (7)	—	12-1
38	2	THREEPLAND (A MacDonald) R Fisher 4-11-2	J O'Gorman (7)	—	7-2
39	0	UNCLES CHOICE (Miss L Wallace) E H Owen jun 4-11-2	Miss L Wallace (7)	—	33-1
40		ANNASBEN (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 4-10-11	P Caldwell (7)	—	33-1
41	0	ARCTIC RYMES (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-11	Miss L Eaton (7)	—	33-1
42		BELLAGIO QUEEN (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 4-10-11	Mr C Bridgett	—	33-1
43	4	COME ON PLAN (R Francis) P Davis 4-10-11	N Hawke (7)	—	33-1
45		GRAYROSE DOUBLE (Dr G Jones) E H Owen jun 4-10-11	D Skyrme (7)	—	33-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
Mrs M Dickinson	8	23	34.8
M Pipe	10	32	31.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	19	64	29.7
M H Easterby	16	77	20.8
D Nicholson	8	45	17.8
Mrs M Rimell	6	64	9.4

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Dwyer	17	57	29.8
P Scudamore	12	52	23.1
S Morshead	8	64	12.5
C Hawkins	5	45	11.1

Only qualifiers

MARKET RASEN

Selections
By Mandarin

2.00 Albert Hall. 2.30 Galway Blaze. 3.00 Dunston. 3.30 Quiet Fall. 4.00 Bronze Head. 4.30 Green Steps.

Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)

2.0 NEWARK STORAGE JUVENILE HURDLE (4YO: £3,459: 2m) (12 runners)

1	4211	TANCRED SAND (D) J Jefferson 11-5	M Hill		
2	01	ALBERT HALL (D) N Henderson 11-1	S Smith Eccles		
5	3212	JAZETAS N Callaghan 11-1	L Wyer		
8	100	WAVE GOODBYE (D) H Wharton 11-1	S Yoakley		
10	00	DORADE (D) J Parkes 10-10	K Burke (4)		
11	PP0	FIESTA DANCE J Leigh 10-10	P Blackburn		
13	00	MAX CLOWN F Jackson 10-10	Mr R Wardle		
14	02	NOBLE RISE M Tompkins 10-10	C Smith		
15	4F00	QUALITAIR KING K Stone 10-10			
17	00	SANDMOOR PRINCE A McPherson 10-10	N Doughty		
18		SPRING WIGEON A Bailey 10-10			
20	0	VERSAILLES ROAD A Jarvis 10-10	T Jarvis		

2-1 Jazetas, 5-2 Albert Hall, 7-2 Tancred Sand, 8-1 Noble Rise, 10-1 Spring Wigeon, 16-1 Versailles Road, 20-1 others

2.30 COLIN G R BOOTH TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,085: 3m) (4)

1	/31-	GALWAY BLAZE (D) N Henderson 11-11-10	S Smith Eccles		
4	3130	JIMBROOK (B,C) M H Easterby 10-10-4	L Wyer		
11	2P30	CLONROCHE STREAM V Thompson 8-10-0	Mr M Thompson (4)		
12	0-P0	LASKIN J Jefferson 5-11-7			
15	0330	SERGEANT'S V Thompson 6-11-7	Mr M Thompson (4)		
16	00	SON OF PAUPER R O'Leary 7-11-7			
18	03	TENNFORCE N Henderson 5-11-7	S Smith Eccles		
22	P0F0	CHUCKLING LADY S G Smith 7-11-2			

Evens Galway Blaze, 5-4 Jimbrook, 6-1 Jimmypick, 10-1 Clonroche Stream.

3.0 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE NOVICE HURDLE (£2,672: 3m) (13)

5	0000	ANOTHER MIRACLE J Spearing 5-11-7	A Webb		
6	0/PP	BETTER BUILDER (B) R Woodhouse 7-11-7			
8	9440	COUNTRY CAP R Townsend 6-11-7	Mr D Townsend (7)		
9	040	GINGER BEER A McPherson 5-11-7	N Doughty		
11	004	KING'S ADVOCATE A Jarvis 5-11-7	T Jarvis		
12	0-P0	LASKIN J Jefferson 5-11-7			
15	0330	SERGEANT'S V Thompson 6-11-7	Mr M Thompson (4)		
16	00	SON OF PAUPER R O'Leary 7-11-7			
18	03	TENNFORCE N Henderson 5-11-7	S Smith Eccles		
22	P0F0	CHUCKLING LADY S G Smith 7-11-2			
25	0200	EYE FLASHER (B) Rex Carter 5-11-2	S Woods (7)		
27	PP	VULGAR'S FLIGHT Mrs M Thomas 11-11-2	R Chapman (4)		
28	6423	DUNSTON (BF) A Bailey 4-10-11			

2-1 Dunston, 100-30 Tenfores, 9-2 King's Advocate, 7-1 Sergiades, 8-1 Ginger Beer, 10-1 Country Cap, 12-1 others

3.30 A F BUDGE NOVICE CHASE (£2,378: 2m 5f) (5)

4	2FP/	QUIET FALL J Glover 5-11-13	S Johnson		
6	F5FF	BOREHAM DOWN N Bycroft 8-11-6	M Brennan		
9	2304	CHI MAI (BF) J Norton 7-11-6	S Woods (7)		
11	0F40	JAYS GREY J W Blundell 9-11-6	Mr L Kinsey		
12	-PP0	RED METAL J M Morris 7-11-6	Mr S Mitchell (7)		

4-6 Quiet Fall, 7-2 Chi Mai, 9-2 Boreham Down, 7-1 Jays Grey, 16-1 Red Metal.

4.0 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £799: 3m) (5)

1	32-1	BRONZE HEAD (D) A G Bonas 9-12-2	S Cunningham (7)		
3	2P3-	GOLDEN CASINO M Santhorpe 9-11-12	S Andrews (4)		
4	0P0-	ARTSMARVAL (CD) E Judge 14-11-7	M Wells (7)		
6	0/P-	LANDING Mrs R Spence 12-11-7	Mrs R Spence (7)		
7	FP0-	MANTON CASTLE (D) Mrs J Goodall 13-11-7	G Hanmer (7)		

4-5 Bronze Head, 11-4 Manton Castle, 5-1 Golden Casino, 8-1 Artsmarval, 16-1 Landing.

4.30 BARTON NOVICE HURDLE (£1,279: 2m) (12)

2	1-	GREEN STEPS (D) J Glover 5-11-9	S Johnson		
3	0100	PLEDGDON GREEN (D) V Thompson 7-11-9	Mr M Thompson (4)		
5	B/0	ASCENRULLAN S Bowring 7-11-4	D Shaw		
11	3003	NO CREDIBILITY B Richmond 5-11-4	P Corrigan		
13	00	RECOLLECT J Payne 5-11-4	D Hood (7)		
17	P	TOUCH LUCKY T Fairhurst 5-11-4	C Fairhurst		
18	0	BOLTRAINS A Potts 7-10-13	M Brennan		
20	P	CASTELLAN J Leigh 8-10-13	P Blackburn		
23		HUNDY MUNDY M Chapman 5-10-13	S Mitchell (7)		
25	R	MUBAARIS Rex Carter 4-10-8	S Woods (7)		
28		FLYING FLYNN J H Johnson 4-10-3			
29	3000	SEAR OF TARA (B) H Whiting 4-10-3	K Burke (7)		

4-6 Green Steps, 100-30 No Credibility, 6-1 Plegdon Green, 8-1 Son Of Tara, 14-1 Recollect, 16-1 others

Course specialists

Trainers: N Henderson, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; M H Easterby, 28 from 99, 28.3%; J Jefferson, 8 from 41, 19.5%; J Parkes, 5 from 30, 16.7%; J Blundell, 20 from 172, 11.6%; J Leigh, 10 from 108, 9.3%.

Jockeys: N Doughty, 19 winners from 33 rides, 30.3%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 51, 13.7%; S Johnson, 17 from 145, 11.6%. (Only qualifiers).

HEREFORD

Selections
By Mandarin

2.15 Come On Lucky. 2.45 Rubadark. 3.15 Mister Hartigan. 3.45 Smithy Bear. 4.15 Claude Monet. 4.45 Shrewd Operator.

Going: soft

2.15 ST DAVID'S NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (7 runners)

3	0	HAYS HILL R Frost 10-7	J Frost		
7		PROUD SOLDIER M Scudamore 10-7	J Bryan		
8	P000	RICKESTON LAD B Pilling 10-7	C Evans (4)		
12		CHICAS BELLE M Davies 10-2	G Davies		
13	230F	COME ON LUCKY (B) M Pipe 10-2	R Atkins		
14		KATITZAS ROSE G Yardley 10-2	W McFarland (7)		
16		SHY HIKER R Dickins 10-2	Mr R Bellamy (7)		

4-5 Come On Lucky, 7-2 Hays Hill, 7-1 Proud Soldier, 10-1 Shy Hiker, 12-1 Rickeston Lad, 16-1 others.

2.45 MARCH NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (£934: 2m) (17)

5		COLYTON BILLY M Pipe 8-11-5	R Atkins		
9		PINETUM William Price 5-11-5	A Price (7)		
11	-PPF	RAJA KHAN D Tuckes 5-11-5	S McNeill		
16	0	THATCHERED R Hodges 6-11-5	Mr M Wellings (7)		
18	P	BANK HOUSE LODGE Mrs A Ratcliff 7-11-0			
19	0-P	BUSH RADIO R Frost 5-11-0	J Frost		
21	P	COBLINS THIMBLES R Barber 5-11-0	C Grey		
22	00QP	MILLERS WAY W Turner 5-11-0	Tracy Turner (7)		
24	0000	OBORNE EXPRESS R Holder 7-11-0	N Coleman		
25		PARSBROOK FLIGHT Mrs V Hancock 7-11-0	S Earle (4)		
26	0F/	PINK MEX R Holder 8-11-0	W McFarland (7)		
27	0P	PRINCESS BABU M Scudamore 5-11-0	J Bryan		
28	00	RUBADARK (BF) R Juckes 6-11-0	T Fleetwood (7)		
31		SWEET SALORA M Tate 5-11-0	M Bastard		
33	0000	VALRACH (B) G Ham 5-11-0	B Powell		
39	0	AMOURTINO M Bailey 4-10-8	B Dowling (4)		
40	6F	BERNIGRA GIRL Mrs A Knight 4-10-8	George Knight		

8-4 Rubadark, 11-4 Colyton Billy, 9-2 Thatchered, 6-1 Sweet Solora, 8-1 Valrach, 10-1 Oborne Express.

3.15 MALVERN NOVICE CHASE (£2,412: 2m 4f) (16)

4	00-F	ABOUT TIME TOO Mrs V Tasi 6-11-4	J Duggan		
6	P0R	AUCTION ROYALE A P James 8-11-4	M Hood (7)		
9	4023	BRYMA (B) B Pilling 7-11-4	C Evans (4)		
10	0000	CRITICAL PATH J King 8-11-4	B Powell		
12	34F3	DRUSILLUS G Rae 9-11-4	P McDermott (7)		
14	0PFF	HUNTWORTH C Popham 7-11-4	G Davies		
17	00U4	MISTER HARTIGAN J Edwards 7-11-4	T Morgan		
18	-0PP	MITRE HOUSE Mrs A Price 7-11-4	F Rafferty (7)		
19	/0F4	MR SEAGULL H Handel 9-11-4	Miss H Handel		
20	AF04	MY SON MY SON S Mellor 6-11-4	G Landau (4)		
21	0P30	RODALLOTTE J Spearing 7-11-4	P Warner		
22	0P30	ROVING GLEN R Armytage 6-11-4	Miss G Armytage (4)		
23	PF-	RUGGED SPIRIT R Frost 7-11-4	J Frost		
27	-P00	VICTOR DUB (B) M Castrell 9-11-4	J O Doyle (4)		
28	FU00	CHATABLE Lady S Brooke 8-10-13	Jacqui Oliver (7)		
30	3094	HOPEFUL CHIMES R Dickin 8-10-13	C Jones		

2-1 Mister Hartigan, 4-1 Brymas, 13-2 My Son My Son, 8-1 Drusillus, 10-1 Mr Seagull, 12-1 Roving Glen, 14-1 Chicas Path.

3.45 HARRY ISAACS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,306: 2m 4f) (18)

2	1124	EROSTIN RULER (D) T Casey 6-12-3	E Buckley (4)		
3	3413	BARA PEG R Blakeney 6-11-9	NON-RUNNER		
4	0R3-	KADELIAN D Burchell 9-11-5	D J Burchell (7)		
5	0130	MAUNDY BOY Mrs I McKie 6-11-4	M Bosley (4)		
6	0200	PITHY G Yardley 5-11-2	W McFarland (7)		
8	04-20	MILLERD HOUSE A J Wilson 5-10-13	B Dowling (4)		
10	2002	SMITHY BEAR R Dickin 5-10-12	Mr R Bellamy (7)		
11	0029	ANNA'S MITE R Blakeney 8-10-10	Judy Blakeney (7)		
16	0-P0	THE CAPO FAMIGLIA B Curley 7-10-9	D Murphy		
18	4200	HARLEY STREET MAN C Jackson 6-10-8	R Hyett		
19	0100	NORTHERN INTEREST (B) P Hobbs 8-10-8	I Wright (7)		
20	0000	GREAT SHADOW (B) J Bukowski 7-10-8	S Cusack (7)		
21	0-40	DASHALONG M Oliver 5-10-6	B Powell		
22	0000	LITTLE AND ROYAL M Tate 7-10-6	M Bastard		
23	4040	CHANCE PARTNER Mrs M Rimell 5-10-5	J Bryan		
27	P04	COMAZANT M Bailey 4-10-3	J Duggan		
28	0000	PHAROAH'S TREASURE (B) M McCourt 6-10-2	M Richards		
32	480-	MYNAH KEY S Christian 6-10-1	A Mulholland (7)		

7-2 Erostin Ruler, 4-1 Mynah Key, 11-2 Smithy Bear, 6-1 Maundy Boy, 8-1 Millerd House, 16-1 Dashalong.

4.15 NEWENT CHASE (£2,464: 3m 1f) (4)

25	1P02	I HAVENTALIGHT (B,C)(D)(BF) F Winter 8-11-7	J Duggan		
26	2F11	CLAUDE MONET (CD) D Gandolfo 9-10-7	M Williams		
27	2111	TUDOR ROAD (D) L Kennard 12-10-7	B Powell		
28	10P0	NOTRE CHEVAL (CD) J Honeyball 8-10-7	M Richards		

5-4 I Haventalight, 2-1 Claude Monet, 7-2 Tudor Road, 8-1 Notre Cheval.

4.45 MARCH HARE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £951: 3m 1f) (11)

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RACING

Nightmare ends as See You Then storms back in impeccable style

By Alan Lee

Nick Henderson's public nightmare ended in emotional relief at rain-soaked Haydock Park yesterday as See You Then proved beyond dispute that his style and speed remain impeccably intact.

The dual champion hurdler, having his first race of the season only 11 days before attempting the treble at Cheltenham, left his well-documented saga of problems emphatically behind in winning the De Vere Hotels Hurdle.

See You Then, displaying some signs of ring-rustiness but showing all his unrivalled class at the hurdles, came back to a hero's welcome from the big Friday crowd after seeing off Ballydurrow by a clever one and a half lengths.

On the face of it, it was a victory of no extraordinary merit against only three rivals in a race of confusing pace. But the bookmakers' response was dramatic. See You Then, available at 5-2 only a fortnight ago, is now a best priced 4-1 with Mecca for the Champion while Coral's quote him at 5-4 on.

The sharp release of tension was later plain on the face of Henderson who had nursed his champion back on course to join the hurdling immortals despite a sequence of setbacks.

Even at lunchtime yesterday, it seemed the conspiracy would continue. Heavy morning rain had altered the going to soft and Henderson, anxious that the horse should not return on very testing ground, walked the course with jockey Steve Smith Eccles before confirming that he would still run.

"I came quite close to pulling him out," he admitted. "But we had come here determined he should have a run and events have proved that decision right. The first thing I've said after the race was thank God we ran him."

Smith Eccles gave an expressive grimace and commented: "I am very glad we came here. On the strength of that he was not ready to do himself justice at Cheltenham."

None of the four runners had wanted to set the pace and so the race was farcically slow until Mrs Muck, recently second in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury, quickened up toward the end of the back straight.

Approaching the third-last flight Sam Morshead and Mrs Muck had rapidly opened up a six-length lead and Henderson explained: "My horse was caught a bit flat-footed but once he realised he had a race on his class got him through. He is a perfectionist."

Mrs Muck hit the last two hurdles hard and Smith Eccles brought the champion cruising into the lead on the flat. He had the time and confidence to aim an arrogant sideways look at his rival and the late sprint of Ballydurrow was never quite going to trouble him.

An objective view of the race came from former champion Jonjo O'Neill, who suggested: "It proved nothing. It was a very funny race and the only thing you can say is that See You Then jumped as well as ever."

Henderson, however, was understandably more fulsome. He had chain-smoked throughout the afternoon and later confessed: "I haven't slept for a week. I am always bad at this time of year but I think my wife Diana is getting fed up with me. She thinks I should be put into isolation.

"It has been a bit of a nightmare but this horse is so good it's worth it. We don't plan any more racecourse work for him before Cheltenham and so long as he is okay tomorrow I'll be very happy."

Henderson's Gold Cup hope, Galway Blaze, has travelled to the outpost of Market Rasen for his first race in 16 months but the trainer, who will fly there with Smith Eccles today, warns: "I won't run him if the ground is too heavy."

POINT-TO-POINT

Kate's Warrior can maintain progress

By Brian Beel

The Times Championship qualifier at the DUKE OF BEAUFORT point-to-point today has been split into two divisions to accommodate the 53 entries. Kate's Warrior, Astral Spirit and Seascript, three improving young horses, have been drawn against each other in division one and they may finish in that order.

In division two it is difficult to guess the ability of Double Magic. He made all in a slowly-run race at the Mendip Farmers only two of the 13 starters finished and it may be safer to back Cockoo Mill, second in the restricted open at the North Pefordshire.

Rough And Rugged and Boon-Tang could win for David Taylor-Leyland and Romulex Dawn Street for Alison Pe.Romulex will run in the Hli Qualifier and in the corresponding event at the CHESHIRE FOREST, Smite Hill, fourth in a hunter chase at Wolverhampton 10 days ago, has to have a sound chance.

Whiggie Geo is taken to come best against Urser if they meet in the Land Rover Open at DERWENT, where another old old stager, Yorkshire Miner, would not be outclassed. At PEMBROKESHIRE, the first of this year's meetings in Wales, Fixed Price Gold win for John Llewellyn. Oliver Carter may hold the ride to the RMC Ladies' Open at TIVERTON with both Ottery News and Fishing Song engaged. While Ottery News is still be good enough at 14 to 1 I would have a slight preference for the Mid-Devon runner-up, Havenwood, over Fishing Song.

Last Of The Flies and Beechwood Sailor, both second on their debut, could meet at the WEST PERCY in the maiden race with Last Of The Flies preferred.

At the inaugural meeting of the SOUTH EAST HUNTS CLUB Amanda Harwood may be in action on her most recent acquisition, Matt Murphy, while in the south west Black Beetle moves up in class to the restricted open at the SOUTH CORNWALL and may reinforce the good impression he made when winning the Bolventor Maiden.

Mike Felton should win on Goldspun and Lothian General at the HURSLEY HAMBLEDON, but will probably find Cosmic too good for his mount, Upper Blackhall, in the maiden.

The CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY have a massive entry of 245 but even that is topped by the BICESTER with 252 for their eight races.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Bicester and Whaddon Chase, Mollington, 5m north of Banbury off A423 (first race 12.0); Cambridge University Draghounds, Cottenham, 5m ne of Cambridge off B1049 (12.0); Cheshire Forest, Tatton Park, 3m n of Knutsford off A50 (12.30); Derwent, Charm Park, Wykeham, 4m sw of Scarborough off A170 (1.0); Duke of Beaufort's, Didmarton, Glos, 6m sw of Tetbury off A433 (12.15); Hursley Hambledon, Badbury Rings, 5m se of Blandford off B3082 (12.30); Pembrokeshire, Scoveston Fort, 3m e of Milford Haven off B4325 (12.30); South Cornwall, Great Trethew, Menheniot, 3m e of Liskeard off A30 (1.0); South East Hants Club, Parham, 3m se of Pulborough off A283 (1.0); Tiverton, Bishops Court, 1m sw Ottery St Mary off B3174 (12.30); West Percy and Milfield, Ratchaugh Farm, 3m e of Alnwick off A1 (1.30).

Newbury's new stand opens next month

By Phil McLennan

Newbury's £1 million Hampton Stand will be officially opened on the first day of the spring meeting on April 10.

The refurbished stand has a number of structural improvements and now has four public and three suites available for private functions. All are used after famous local training centres such as Lambourn, Upton, Blewbury, Kingsclere and West Ilsley.

Announcing the opening date of the stand at the popular Berkshire course yesterday, Peter Porchester went on to confirm the Flat programme for the opening racing returns to the course after a 20-year break on June 30 and four of the existing day's racing have been expanded to seven-race programmes.

Almost half of the 94 races will be commercially supported with sponsors contributing £332,180 of the £809,600 prize money.

New sponsors include Lord Howard de Walden who supports the Watermill Theatre Stakes on July 18 and Mr and Mrs Ronald Kirk who are backing the listed Radley Stakes now that Rochford Thompson have withdrawn from the important juvenile fillies' race at the October meeting.

Weatherbys' Cheltenham error

Because of an error by Weatherbys, 11 horses were added from the list of final entrants for the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham on Wednesday March 18 (Dick Fenwick writes).

The horses involved were Alun, Tonights The Night, Of Secrecy, Vital Boy, Welcome Pin, Wild Flyer, Wolf Hadenoch, Yeoman Broker, You're In Charge, Vipsania and Wishful Dream. The mistake came to light when a trainer noticed the omission in yesterday's Racing Calendar and immediately contacted Weatherbys' Wellingborough office.

A Weatherbys' spokesman admitted: "It's our mistake — a human error. The horses have been reinstated and a correction posted."

FOOTBALL

Clarke cleared for his Everton debut amid rumblings at Molineux

By Clive White

Everton were given the go-ahead to intensify their challenge for the championship when Wayne Clarke, their latest signing, was cleared by the Football League to make his debut in the live-televised game against Watford at Vicarage Road tomorrow.

The deal was held up when Wolverhampton Wanderers, who sold Clarke to Birmingham City, claimed that the forward player, was deliberately under-valued in a £300,000 package deal which also took Stuart Storer, a little known forward, to Goodison Park.

Wolves claim they are entitled to half of any profit over £80,000 on Clarke under a tribunal decision three years ago and believe that their share should be at least £100,000. They are also unhappy with the respective valuations.

Birmingham refute that they owe Wolves anything. Ken Wheldon, their chairman, is adamant that the tribunal ruling is invalid on the grounds that the details of it were not incorporated into Clarke's contract. He also takes the view that since claims for the 50 per cent share have been made by both Wolves (1982) Limited and Wolves (1986) Limited the tribunal judgement has caused too many complications and should be rescinded.

A League spokesman said: "We have decided to accept the transfer since the combined fee was acceptable to both clubs. It is the way in which the fee has been split up which has caused us to intervene. We felt that we had to protect Wolves interests because they were due to a portion of Clarke's transfer."

By coincidence Everton tomorrow meet a club who may before much longer may also have reason to object to the valuation of one of their players. Watford this week conceded that they are likely to lose John Barnes to a foreign club for which there are UEFA rules governing the fee of a player.

In Barnes's case it would be the maximum, £400,000, which is less than half Watford could expect to receive if he moved to another British club.

Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, is still not ruling out the possibility that Barnes may yet stay at Vicarage Road, although he conceded that after what Barnes has said about wishing to leave the club he may find that difficult now.

The arrival of Clarke should give Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, the extra forward power he has been missing ever since the sale of Lineker. The absence in recent weeks of Sharp has accentuated the problem and last week at Old Trafford, Kendall preferred to play a five-man midfield and one forward, Heath, rather than select Wilkinson to assist Heath.

Wilkinson turned down a move to Charlton Athletic on Thursday which would have helped finance the Clarke deal.

Everton, out of both cup competitions, can concentrate their energies on their remaining 13 League fixtures, which in terms of difficulty, compare favourably with their rivals.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Charlton v West Ham
Bonds, aged 40, who made his League debut for Charlton more than 22 years ago, is retained in an unchanged West Ham side. Conversely, Charlton may give Bennett, only 17, his League debut.

Chelsea v Arsenal
Dixon and Speedie are ruled out because of knee and hamstring injuries, respectively, and of other Chelsea doubts the most serious are Hazzard (hamstring) and Durie (ankle). Arsenal have recalled Merson from Brentford but will probably choose Allinson to replace the injured Nicholas.

Coventry v Sheffield Wed
McGrath and Emerson return from suspension for Coventry. Wednesday, seeking their first League win in 10 games, bring in Jonsson for Snodin, who has a torn thigh muscle.

Southampton v Leicester
Southampton attempt to end a run of four games without scoring while minus Clarke, their leading scorer, because of a thigh strain, Dennis (calf), Holmes (groin) and Case (suspended). Armstrong is fit again. Leicester have Osman and Moran back after lengthy injuries.

Man Utd v Man City
City drop Barnes, formerly of United, and recall Moulden, who, since injuring a small bone in his back, has not started a game since January 3 when City last won a game. United choose from 15 players, including Moses. Olsen is still injured. Whiteside could play in attack.

Newcastle v Aston Villa
Newcastle welcome back McCreery and Anderson and may also call up Bailey, Allon and Stephenson. Goddard has had his Achilles tendon injury put in plaster and Roeder is completing a suspension. Villa, without a win since Boxing Day, include Evans and three other central defenders in a squad of 15.

Tottenham v QPR
Tottenham are still without Hoddle because of a stomach strain but Hodge, ineligible for the Littlewoods Cup tie in midweek, returns. Ardiles, Stevens or Claesen may stand down. Galvin is also in contention. McDonald and Lee resume for Rangers after suspension and illness, respectively.

Liverpool v Luton
Walsh returns after suspension to challenge Aldridge for his Liverpool place. Gillespie is out with a hamstring injury. Luton could bring in McDonough or Breacker as a defensive measure.

Nottingham For v Oxford
Webb and Pearce are expected to return for Forest. Rhoades-Brown and McDermott who have not played since last season, are set to return for Oxford. Whitehurst is suspended and Dreyer injured a hamstring in training.

Norwich v Wimbledon
Wimbledon will be unchanged. Joseph and Downes contest the substitute role. With Spearing recovered from an ankle injury Norwich will also be unchanged.

Tomorrow

Watford v Everton
Everton are expected to field Clarke, their new signing from Birmingham, in an otherwise unchanged side. Watford are not expected to make changes, although there is a slight doubt about Jackett.

Fareham face Trophy test

By Paul Newman

Fareham Town, whose performances in cup competitions this season have totally belied their league form, go to Barnet today hoping to stage the upset of the season by knocking the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders out of the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy.

In the last round, Fareham won 2-0 away to Scarborough. Barnet's only serious challengers for the Conference championship, and such is their success in knock-out competitions that they have played more games in cups than in the league this season. Indeed, until Tuesday, they had not won away from home in the Southern League premier division all season, and were lying second from bottom of the table.

However, Trevor Parker, the manager, draws encouragement for today's match both from his side's victory at Dudley Town and from watching Barnet twice since the quarter-final draw was made.

"With this match coming up, I feared we might take it easy at Dudley, but the team put everything into it," he said. "We'll need that sort of spirit again today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Youngsters going for broke

By Keith Macklin

Under normal circumstances, an under-21 international between France and Great Britain would not arouse a vast amount of attention. However, much is at stake for both countries in tomorrow's match at St Jean de Luz, with the game in France fighting for survival, and Malcolm Reilly, the new Great Britain coach, determined to continue his successful start.

Reilly will be anxious on two counts. He wants his youngsters, led by Shaun Edwards of Wigan, to play outstanding rugby and emphasize their claims for places in the senior squad. He also wants his young charges to keep out of trouble.

Great Britain have an unbroken run of successes in junior internationals at this level, and should win again tomorrow, brightening the picture for them but sadly intensifying the gloom which at present surrounds the game in France.

In tomorrow's first division games Bradford Northern's players show that professionalism is not without altruism or a sense of proper shame. Following their horrendous defeat by 60 points to six at Wigan last Sunday, Northern's players, including Terry Holmes and Brian Noble, will play for nothing as a gesture towards both directors and suffering supporters. The Northern directors in return will tomorrow give away vouchers entitling the recipients to free admission to the Easter game against Salford.

St Helens lost their chance of going back to the top of the first division when they were beaten by Castleford on Wednesday. They have a quick opportunity for revenge with a rearranged home game against Castleford. There is a relegation dog-fight at Barrow where Leigh must forget the excitements of the Challenge Cup. Another club in relegation trouble are Salford, who will be seeking revenge for a cup defeat against Leeds. There is a cup rehersal at Widnes, where Halifax are the visitors.

In the second division Doncaster should continue their excellent run against Sheffield Eagles, while Whitehaven and Swinton take part in a vital second-place battle

● Salford have signed Peter Regan, aged 23, the Wigan St Patricks amateur forward and younger brother of the former Wigan prop, Dave.

RUGBY UNION

Hewitt is switched

NIFC, still looking for their first significant success of the season, switch John Hewitt from centre to outside half for today's meeting with unbeaten Instonians at Ormeau (George Ace writes).

Hewitt, who won two caps as a substitute in South Africa in 1981, has not enjoyed the best of good fortune in his career, numerous injuries hindering him to such an extent that he lost his Ulster place earlier this season.

Instonians, a club who may provide three players — Keith Crossan (a certainty), David Irwin and Brian McKibbin — to Ireland's World Cup party, hope to have Peter Russell in direct opposition to Hewitt, although he missed Wednesday night's unofficial Irish trial at Ravenhill because of a heavy cold.

An Instonian win would put them level with Ballymena at the top of section one of the Digital Senior League and leave NIFC requiring two points from their final game against Collegians to avoid relegation.

CIYMS, away to Queen's University, require only one point to clinch the section two championship and so join the élite next season.

● Willie Duncan, the Malone and Ulster wing forward who won two caps against Wales and England in 1984 and has been a regular member of the Irish training squad, is out for the rest of the season and probably out of contention for the World Cup. He fractured his left leg just above the ankle, in Wednesday's game at Ravenhill.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	15	50	fair	good	poor	sun	11
Snow off piste							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	45	165	good	powder	good	snow	-9
Good skiing but very cold							
FRANCE							
Flaine	120	220	good	powder	good		1
Excellent skiing everywhere							
Megève	40	150	good	powder	poor	cloud	-2
New snow on hard base							
Tignes	150	220	good	varied	good	fine	5
Fabulous powder skiing							
Val Thorens	130	245	good	varied	good	fine	-3
Wonderful skiing							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	70	160	good	powder	good	sun	1
Superb skiing everywhere							
Sauze d'opulx	20	65	icy	fair	closed	sun	-6
More snow needed							
SWITZERLAND							
Verbier	30	190	good	powder	fair	sun	0
Sunny skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorms: upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, new snow with many icy patches; vertical runs: 1800ft, snow level; 2000ft, hill and main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, new snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, new snow with icy patches; vertical runs: 1500ft, snow level; 1500ft, hill and main roads, clear. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs: 1400ft, snow level; 800ft, hill and main roads, clear. Lochs: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs: 700ft, snow level; 2000ft, hill and main roads, clear. Forecast for today: cloudy with outbreaks of sleet and snow giving moderate falls in places with considerable drifting; cold with overnight frost; strong south-easterly winds.

Outlook for tomorrow: cloudy with further snow flurries giving light to moderate falls in places; remaining rather cold with night frost; drifting fresh south-easterly winds.

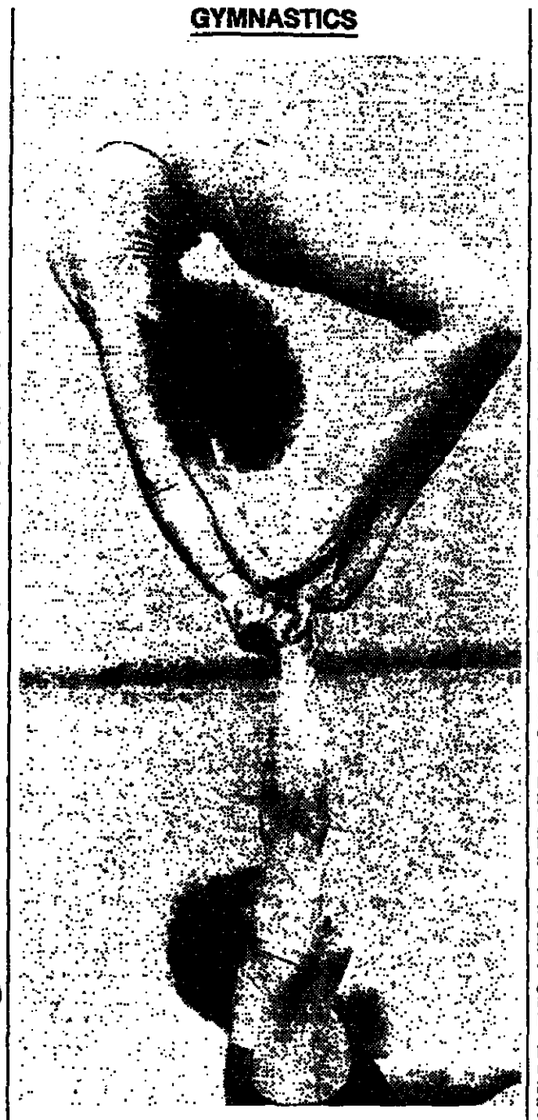
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

AUSTRIA

	Depth (cm) Min	Max
Brand	65	170
Innsbruck/Igls	15	275
Ischgl	80	190
Kitzbühel	35	200
Lech	145	290
Mayrhofen	10	135
Niederau	20	120
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	80	180
St Anton	80	380
Schladming	5	240
Seefeld	85	160
Sölden	70	220
Zell am See	35	180

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

GYMNASTICS



All grace and power

Natalia Miller and Evgeny Marchenko, part of the Soviet sports acrobatics display team, practising yesterday for the event at Wembley this weekend. (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

GOLF

Sullivan leads field by four strokes

From John Ballantine, Fort Lauderdale

"The problem with these Florida championship courses," said Ken Brown after matching the 77s of the last two Open champions, Sandy Lyle and Greg Norman, in the first round of the Honda Classic at Eagle Trace, "is not so much the weather, although that makes things worse, but the courses themselves.

"European club players and professionals who haven't played over here have no idea how difficult they are," said Brown, who made a very good attempt at taming one of Florida's most feared 'monsters' in Miami last week where he won $24,000 for ninth place.

"You are constantly playing to greens about 12 paces wide which have fringes dropping steeply to deep lakes all along the right, big bunkers on the left, and more water at the back if you pitch a fraction too long. The greens are very tricky and dry out lightning fast in these 40-45 mph winds."

It sounds like a nightmare for a nervous chap and proved to be so for most of the field following Mike Sullivan, a pleasant, round-faced 32-year-old from Indiana, who was lucky enough to be first man away at 7.15am. He got in nine holes before the wind got up and finished with 65, which was never beaten.

Only 12 players beat par. The morning starters averaged 75.3 which rose to 76.4 in the afternoon, and Fred Couples, who holds the course record with 63, scored an 80.

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 65: M Sullivan. 69: B Lietzke, M Calcavecchia, B Faxon. 70: B Langer (WG), B Murphy, K Knox, M McCumber, C Bolling. Other scores: 76: P Parkin (GB). 77: A Lyle (GB), K Brown (GB), G Norman (Aus).

Chapman out in front

From a Special Correspondent, Lusaka

Roger Chapman, the former English amateur champion, took the halfway lead in the Zambian Open by adding a 72 to his opening 70. This puts him one stroke ahead of John Fowler, the Mid Herts club professional, and the tiny Kenyan, John Ngugi, who surprised even himself with his first round of 69.

Ngugi, aged 28, is only 5ft 6in tall and weighs a mere 8st 7lb yet he is, so far, handling this monster 7,258-yard course like a giant. Conditions are far from easy, with the sunscorched greens baked as hard as a Test wicket.

Two players, Scotland's Brian Barnes and his fellow Ryder Cup player, Tommy Horton, were disqualified. Barnes for a breach of the rules in the first round and Horton for failing to sign his scorecard. He had scored a 73 for a halfway total of 147 and was well placed for a substantial prize.

SECOND ROUND LEADERS: 142: R Chapman, 70,72. 143: J Ngugi, 69,74; J Fowler, 73,70. 144: J Pinsent 70,74; W McColl 75,69; D Jones 73,71. 145: G J Brand 73,72; E Dussart 71,70; M Mouland 71,74; G Smith 72,73; L Jones 72,73. 146: M Hallberg 71,75; D Ray 79,77; E Darcy 71,75; M Roe 73,73; D Williams 72,74; P Carnpell 71,75; P Carsbo 70,76. 147: D Llewellyn 72,75; G Price 76,71; J Morgan 74,73; A Stubbs 73,74; A Murray 72,75. 148: A Charnley 72,76; M Supple 72,76. 149: P Baker 74,75; A Sherborne 73,76; G Davies 72,77; G Ralph 72,77; S Bennett 73,76.

MOTOR RACING

Young drivers given a boost

Silverstone Circuits, helping to promote young racing drivers' careers, intend that their Silverstone Awards will help discover tomorrow's champions.

The four awards aim at all levels of motor racing, but the top one will put leading young British drivers into the closely-fought world of Formula Three, which is acknowledged as the stepping-stone to Formula One grand prix racing.

Aimed at British drivers, aged 21 or under and with three years or less in Formula Ford racing, the first of the Silverstone Awards will pick out the best drivers, after the fourth, seventh and 11th rounds of the Esso Formula Ford 1600 championship, and give each of them a drive in a leading Class B car in the demanding Lucas British Formula Three championship.

Rally plan

Peking (AP) — Chinese sports organizations and the company which publishes L'Equipe, the French sports daily newspaper, announced here that they have signed a letter of intent to stage the world's longest motor rally, a 25-day run from Paris to Peking, in spring 1988. An announcement said the 17,000-kilometer (10,600-mile) rally was tentatively scheduled to go through France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The drivers then will cross by boat for the final leg through Pakistan and along the Silk Road to Peking.

BILLIARDS

Triple century puts Foldvari in line for prize

By Sydney Friskin

Robby Foldvari, of Melbourne, the title-holder, compiled a break of 315 on his third visit to the table in the Monarflex World Professional final against Norman Dagley, of Leicester, at Bolton yesterday.

Foldvari, an expert at the potted-and-cannon sequence at the top of the table, threw in a number of subtle in-offs and delicate cannons in his break of 315, the highest so far in the tournament, which put him in line for the special prize of £500.

The break would have been larger had he not lost the white object ball which left him no choice but to play safe by tucking the red into baulk.

Dagley, who has reached the final on all three of his attempts at the title, made up a lot of leeway by compiling a break of 126 on his tenth visit which reduced the lead to 372-313 but Foldvari made the best of a favourable position to win the first game.

In the second game, Foldvari drew ahead once more with a break of 207 which ended with an unsuccessful attempt at a three-cushion cannon, the red having run too deep into baulk. Once again Dagley was faced with an uphill task; but he levelled at 1-1.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Foldvari (Aus) bt F Davis (Eng) 3-1; R Edmonds (Eng) bt P Francisco (SA) 3-0; N Dagley (Eng) bt I Williamson (Eng) 3-1; M Wildman (Eng) bt E Charlton (Aus) 3-1. Semi-finals: Foldvari bt Edmonds 3-1; Dagley bt Wildman 3-0.

CRICKET

Richardson bounces back from injury

From Richard Streeton
Napier

Richie Richardson, who emulates his idol and fellow Antiguan, Viv Richards, by not wearing a helmet, survived a fearful crack on the head and went on to make a brilliant 121 yesterday against the Shell XI here.

Haynes also scored a hundred and shared a third-wicket stand of 226 with Richardson as West Indies reached 290 for five on the rain-shortened first day of the three-day game.

Richardson was 21 when he ducked into a short ball from Morrison, a barely medium-fast bowler, whom he had just cut for two fours. The noise of the ball could be heard all over the ground as it cannoned into the back of Richardson's head.

It seemed impossible that Richardson had avoided serious injury but after treatment he carried on. Ten minutes later, Dennis Waite, the West Indian trainer, went out to examine the player again. His head was grazed but he insisted he was all right. Richardson continued to hit the ball powerfully on the back foot and finished with a six and 18 fours.

The Shell XI took two early wickets and later, three more in successive overs. By then, however, Richardson and Haynes had removed any question that West Indies might struggle. They batted together for 60 overs, with Richardson providing the entertainment and Haynes the ballast.

A slow pitch did nothing to help an unbalanced attack made up of three medium-fast bowlers plus Gray, a left-arm spinner, and fielding was unpleasant work in cold and windy conditions.

Payne, playing his first innings for a month, was out in the second over when he top-edged a high catch; Gomes was well caught at backward square leg as he forced a ball off his legs.

Richardson, who hit 10 fours in his first 50, reached his century in just over three hours. Haynes needed four hours and then gave his wicket away. In the next over Logie was beaten by Gray's arm ball and then Richardson edged a catch to slip against Wilson. Carl Hooper, the newcomer in the touring team, and Richards stayed for the final 45 minutes and dented Gray's figures which, until then, had reflected his steadiness.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

†T R O Payne c Snedden b Wilson	0
D L Haynes b Wilson	112
H A Gomes c Jones b Morrison	2
R B Richardson c Ritchie b Wilson	121
A L Logie lbw Gray	0
C L Hooper not out	23
*I V A Richards not out	21
Extras (lb 3, nb 8)	11
Total (5 wkts)	290

C G Butts, A H Gray, P Patterson and J Garner to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-19, 3-245, 4-246, 5-246.

BOWLING: Morrison 17-0-75-1; Wilson 17-2-76-3; Snedden 15-2-55-0; Gray 25-6-67-1; Jones 3-0-13-0.

SHELL XI: *M C Snedden, R H Vance, P A Horne, A H Jones, T D Ritchie, E J Gray, †E B McSweeney, D A Morrison, T J Wilson, B R Blair and M J Greatbatch.

NZ hope to quash tour plan

From Richard Streeton

New Zealand cricket officials were fervently hoping last night that renewed reports from South Africa that they were to lose top players to a rebel tour of the republic later this year would prove unfounded. The reports are being denied by those rumoured to have agreed to tour, and also by sources in South Africa itself.

Bob Vance, chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council, said: "Anyone likely to be approached will be fully aware that they would jeopardize their career in New Zealand if they went there."

Those named in the latest reports include Jeremy Coney, Richard Hadlee, John Wright, Ewan Chatfield and Martin Snedden.

Hadlee's defection would be a major coup for the South Africans but would be a big surprise as he is currently negotiating a three-year contract with the New Zealand council to play international cricket for his own country.

Martin Crowe, New Zealand's world class batsman, was not mentioned in the first reports here, which said the new rebels would be formed by a joint Australian and New Zealand side.

Glenn Turner, the country's national cricket manager, said to be the manager of the proposed combined side, was quoted on New Zealand television last night as saying: "It's all news to me".

Gavaskar can prevent riot in Ahmedabad

From Qamar Ahmed
Ahmedabad

All India will be hoping that Sunil Gavaskar will make at least the 58 runs he needs to become the first Test batsman to reach 10,000 during his career — and not just because India are facing defeat in the fourth Test at the start of the third day with Pakistan on 379 for seven and Ijaz Faqih unbeaten on 104.

The pitch is fast deteriorating and India badly need a major innings from Gavaskar if a riot is to be avoided in this troubletorn city. The chilling prospect of an Indian defeat became clear after a record-breaking seventh wicket stand of 154 between Imran Khan and Ijaz Faqih.

When Imran was out for a flawless 72, the Pakistan captain was pelted with oranges and further punishment for India could spark further communal unrest and repercussions on the World Cup.

SCORES: Pakistan 379 for 7 (Ijaz Faqih 104 not out, Imran Khan 72, Manzoor Elahi 52).

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RUGBY UNION: SCOTLAND AIM TO UNSEAT CHAMPIONSHIP LEADERS FRANCE IN PARIS AND ENGLAND LOOK FOR MORE THAN COURAGE TO LAY CARDIFF BOGY

Hastings' law of averages a bonus Scottish battle plan

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

A year ago, the extraordinary goal-kicking of Gavin Hastings deprived France of victory in the opening Five Nations championship match of the season. Admittedly, it was not by much, but one point can make all the difference and Hastings's six penalties left the French gnashing whatever the French do gnash in times of stress.

In his next match, Hastings could kick only one goal and Scotland lost to Wales; he then kicked everything on offer against England and wound up with a modest two penalties against Ireland.

In doing so, he emphasized one of the eternal truths of international rugby: That any country needs a consistent kicker. Judging, therefore, by last season's performance and his relative failure against Ireland a fortnight ago, Hastings is due a hot streak at the Parc des Princes today, where France and Scotland, who shared last season's championship, meet.

His showing, and the interpretations of Keith Lawrence, the New Zealand official refereeing in his first championship match, will be crucial if the Scots are to achieve their first success at the Parc.

In eight attempts, they have yet to win there, looking back as they do to to 1969 for their last victory in France, which was at the old Stades Colombes.

Derrick Grant, Scotland's coach, said: "We seem to have something of a psychological barrier to break through but we've worked hard on our preparations, tidying up some aspects of our forward play that were not so good against Ireland, and our attitude is entirely positive.

"A victory for us this weekend would be a tremendous boost in every way, including our World Cup prospects, though it is bound to be an entirely different proposition from trying to beat the French on their own patch." Grant, of course, is mindful that the two countries meet again in Christchurch on May 23 in a World Cup group match.

In their favour, Scotland play a style of rugby which will evoke echoes of home for Mr Lawrence. Both Grant and Jim Telfer, his predecessor, have encouraged their players to ruck in the way the All Blacks do and if they can win ball going forward, they have the most experienced halfbacks in the northern hemisphere, Roy Laidlaw and John Rutherford, to use it.

Interestingly — for a home countries team — it is the set pieces which may worry Scotland. Their scrummage failed to impose itself upon Ireland at Murrayfield and the height and agility of the French back row was the main reason for their coming to terms in the lineout against Dooley and Bainbridge of England at Twickenham a fortnight ago.

"We must take them on up front, where they have this enormous back five to give them so many lineout options," Grant said. "And we must ensure we don't miss our tackles. They are devastating if given a half chance to cut loose."

France have not been at their best in the championship so far, yet they lead the table with an unbeaten record. However, if any one of the home countries is to knock them off balance it is Scotland, whose robust, physical style may tempt the French into indiscretions.

The introduction of Francis Haget at lock for the injured Alain Lorieux has improved neither the ability nor the mobility of the pack, even though he now packs down with Jean Condom, the man who became his second-row partner at Biarritz this season. Therefore, there is an even greater premium on the performance of Champ, Erbani and Rodriguez whose international displays this season have been outstanding.

TODAY'S TEAMS IN PARIS

France			Scotland	
S Blanco (Biarritz)	15	Full Back	A G Hastings (Watsonians)	15
P Bérot (Agen)	14	Right wing	M D F Duncan (West of Scotland)	14
P Sella (Agen)	13	Right centre	D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville)	13
D Charvet (Toulouse)	12	Left centre	S Hastings (Watsonians)	12
E Bonneval (Toulouse)	11	Left wing	I Tukalo (Selkirk)	11
F Mesnel (Racing C de Fr)	10	Stand off	J Y Rutherford (Selkirk)	10
P Berbizier (Agen)	9	Scrum half	R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest)	9
P Ondarts (Biarritz)	1	Prop	D M B Sole (Bath)	1
D Dubroca* (Agen)	2	Hooker	C T Deans* (Hawick)	2
J-P Garuet (Lourdes)	3	Prop	I G Milne (Heriot's FP)	3
E Champ (Toulon)	6	Flanker	J Jeffrey (Kelso)	6
F Haget (Biarritz)	4	Lock	A J Tomes (Hawick)	4
J Condom (Biarritz)	5	Lock	I A M Paxton (Selkirk)	5
D Erbani (Agen)	7	Flanker	F Calder (Stewart's Melville)	7
L Rodriguez (Montferrand) *Captain	8	No 8	J R Beattie (Glasgow Acads) *Captain	8

Referee: K Lawrence (New Zealand)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 P Dintrans (Tarbes), 17 L Armary (Lourdes), 18 A Carminati (Béziers), 19 J Gallion (Toulon), 20 J-B Lafond (Racing Club de France), 21 G Laporte (Graulhet)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), 17 G J Callander (Kelso), 18 D B White (Gala), 19 G H Oliver (Hawick), 20 K W Robertson (Melrose), 21 P W Dods (Gala).



Auld enemy: Gavin Hastings, France's nemesis last season

Congested round will provide clear indications

By David Hands

There will be a meeting of disparate interests next weekend when English club rugby's three main sponsors all help stage matches which have consequential effects upon the others.

The semi-finals of the Thorn EMI county championship, the outstanding John Player Special Cup quarter-final and various John Smith's merit table games will all be played next Saturday and even merit table C, which is not sponsored, will suffer the reverberations.

Yorkshire are the only county to have named their semi-final side so far — the others should be resolved this weekend — and their decision to include Rory Underwood and Rob Andrew against North Midlands (both of whom withdrew their services earlier this season) may affect Leicester in their cup match with Bristol and Wasps in their merit table match with Sale.

Since Sale lose Simon Tipping, the flanker, to Yorkshire also, that score at least may be levelled. Wakefield lose three players to the county on a day when they are due to play Morley in table C and Morley, currently in fourth place, will be keen to consolidate, even if they are unable to break into the top three.

Other clubs will find difficulty catching Bath in John Smith's merit table A; mathematically Harlequins, if they reschedule all games previously de-merited and then win them all, could do so but certainly Leicester and Nottingham, Bath's nearest rivals, cannot.

Interest in table A remains at the bottom where the likes of Coventry, Wasps and London Scottish will wish to avoid relegation (though that, to complicate the position even further, may also depend on their results against table B clubs).

Coventry and Wasps meet today and the Midland club play London Scottish in a re-arranged game next weekend. Wasps are due to play Sale in the merit table next weekend but can expect to have Middlesex knocking on their door asking for players in the semi-final against Cornwall.

YORKSHIRE: R Adamson (Wakefield); M Harrison (Wakefield, capt), J Bentley (Otley), J Buckton (Saracens), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Holmes (Sheffield); M Whitcombe (Bedford), P Sellar (Hull and East Riding), A Rice (Hull and East Riding), S Tipping (Sale), G Thompson (Roundhay), D Baldwin (Wakefield), P Winterbottom (Headingley), P Buckton (Orrell).

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Wasps
A repeat of last weekend's cup match but this time it is a John Smith's merit table A game and Coventry have home advantage. Wasps, without their current Internationals, face a Coventry side with Sucking and Rowland, aged 19, in the back row.

Leicester v Harlequins
Another merit table A game in which Leicester are without Evans, their wing, because of an Achilles tendon injury and play Williams instead. Cooke and Smith are at centre for Harlequins, who have Thresher at full back for the absent Rose.

Richmond v L Scottish
The latest instalment of this co-tenants' debate sees both clubs with greatly-improved records this side of Christmas. Scottish retain Buchanan at lock and bring in Weir to prop because Graham is away with the Army.

Glam W v Rosslyn Pk
Owain Williams returns to the Wanderers' back row against Park who have Jermyn back at stand-off half. Montgomery leads a side with Ager and Freeman restored to centre but Brooks replaces the injured Hyde in the back row.

Nuneaton v Saracens
Nuneaton seek only their ninth victory of the season against a Saracens side in confident mood after four successive wins. Evans, a late replacement last week, retains his place in Saracens's front row.

Sheffield v Plymouth A
Plymouth Albion, lying second in merit table C, could go top on points difference if they beat Sheffield, though their only table defeat so far was to another Yorkshire club, Wakefield. Taylor (prop) and Trollope (flanker) replace Royal Navy players Howarth and Hewitt.

Sale v Gosforth
Gosforth take a new half-back pairing to Sale for their northern merit table game. Walker makes his debut at scrum half for the injured Henderson and Petyt moves from centre to stand-off because Johnson is unavailable.

French go for three in a row

From Chris Thau
Paris

France, now gathered at their pre-international retreat at Chateau Ricard, Rambouillet, started their second training session with an exorcism of the 1986 Murrayfield ghost. Daniel Dubroca, the French captain, confided after watching the video of the 18-17 defeat: "I still cannot believe that we lost."

Yet defeat it was and the coach, Jacques Fouroux, rubbed it in by pointing out that any complacency may cost France dearly and that the Scots can do it again.

"They have the power, they have the expertise and the skill, they have a brave and aggressive back row and more than anything else they have a pair of wonderful half backs in Roy Laidlaw and John Rutherford," Fouroux said.

In his opinion, Scotland are probably the most dynamic and creative of the British sides.

"The British teams have made serious efforts to raise their standards and both Wales and England have proved against France just that.

"Both Welsh and English officials have urged France to run the ball and entertain. They kept talking about the famous French flair. In other words let France do the entertaining and we shall do the winning.

"Our first priority is to win. The style comes second. However, I dream that we would be able to lead Scotland by nine points at half-time. Not to be led and come from behind, but lead. That would allow us to settle in and be more serene. The French team are very emotive. Calm and composure may make the difference between a classic and just another win."

Fouroux believes that it may take a little time until France become a great team. However, he is willing to give credit to his players for the spirited way they came back after being nine points down against Wales and England.

According to Fouroux, France are only one game short of achieving their three objectives for the first half of the season: they beat Romania, they beat the All Blacks — in order to prove to themselves that they can win one game against anyone — and they are still to win the Five Nations Championship. What would be the fourth objective I asked: "To win the World Cup naturally."

Pickering and Hill have duty to encourage smoother skills

By Gerald Davies

Before Wales and England sprint from the Arms Park tunnel to a roar and Welsh singing, qualities like courage and character, commitment and pride, will be under scrutiny. But like so many reeling British heavyweight contenders, these qualities are thought to be enough.

Clearly their simple demonstration is insufficient at international level. Surely more must be expected from teams so long under careful preparation.

For, what is left when all courage has been spent and all the full senses of character drained? Both these teams should already possess these raw requirements. In which case, might not Tony Gray and Martin Green, the coaches, David Pickering and Richard Hill, the captains, find moments among the hullabaloo to inspire their teams to have aspiring thoughts about the smoother skills?

Both teams met the challenge France offered at forward — and where there was so much to fear — like head-on stags. But when all had been asked and given of pride and passion, France, with a couple of dainty, even opportunist, strokes had something more to offer. They scored two tries in each match, whereas both Wales and England could only articulate themselves through the boot.

It is a more evenly-matched encounter today and if there is to be any hope for either in this championship, sponsored by British Gas, and the other hurdles which lie ahead, the call must be not only to the heart and primitive energy, but to the mind and ambitious talent.

Once more the early questions will be asked at the scrums. If England may have to give way in the front row, the power of the back five should hold. Equality here will provide one hopes, something more positive than disruptive tactics against the put-in.

Wales, having learnt from their lineout experience last year at Twickenham, took the rich pickings against France. They gave only a miserly diet to their guests at the Parc des Princes although possessing a greedy pair of jumpers in Norster and Sutton to face Dooley and Bainbridge.

Perhaps the English back row did make a better impression than their Welsh counterparts against the powerful French trio, but it was such a staccato affair at Twickenham that it barely mattered. The reputation of Moriarty, Davies and Pickering are balanced precariously and they need an authoritative performance today if they are to survive against Rees, Winterbottom and Hall.

There is a contrast at scrum half: each can take a bit from the other to be a more rounded performer. Hill, not content at being a competitor, wants to show his aggression and becomes too self-indulgent. Jones is quietly skilful, controlling his need to show his own game in the service of his partners.

Hill should accept, now and again, a secondary role, while Jones needs might take a leaf, no more, out of Hill's book and to indulge himself a little. Jones, too, will need to avoid the kind of unwarranted, off-the-ball, attention Dawe gave Berbizier, the French scrum half. Dawe has, however, been warned in the English camp to mend his ways.

It will, then, be a fascinating duel between Davies and Andrew. We shall then wait, with no evidence yet to go on, whether the talents of Underwood, for England and Evans, for Wales, will be called upon to act their parts. It is fondly to be wished that they will in an international in which Wales start favourites, not having lost to England at the Arms Park for 24 years.

It is encouraging that Hill warns: "My final message to England is that skill for skill, there is no difference between us. We must forget our inhibitions at playing at the National Stadium and look for another rampaging opening. If we don't start well I will be worried."

TODAY'S TEAMS AT CARDIFF

Wales			England	
M A Wyatt (Swansea)	15	Full Back	W M H Rose (Harlequins)	15
G M Webbe (Bridgend)	14	Right wing	M E Harrison (Wakefield)	14
J A Devereux (S Glam Inst)	13	Right centre	K G Simms (Wasps)	13
K Hopkins (Swansea)	12	Left centre	J L B Salmon (Harlequins)	12
I Evans (Llanelli)	11	Left wing	R Underwood (Leicester)	11
J Davies (Neath)	10	Stand off	C R Andrew (Wasps)	10
R N Jones (Swansea)	9	Scrum half	R J Hill* (Bath)	9
J Whitefoot (Cardiff)	1	Prop	G J Chilcott (Bath)	1
W J James (Aberavon)	2	Hooker	R G R Dawe (Bath)	2
S Evans (Neath)	3	Prop	G S Pearce (Northampton)	3
W P Moriarty (Swansea)	6	Flanker	P J Winterbottom (Headingley)	6
R N Norster (Cardiff)	4	Lock	W A Dooley (Fylde)	4
S Sutton (South Wales Police)	5	Lock	S Bainbridge (Fylde)	5
D F Pickering* (Llanelli)	7	Flanker	G W Rees (Nottingham)	7
P T Davies (Llanelli) *Captain	8	No 8	J P Hall (Bath) *Captain	8

Referee: R J Megson (Scotland)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 A M Hadley (Cardiff), 17 M Dacey (Swansea), 18 J Griffiths (Llanelli), 19 A Buchanan (Llanelli), 20 S Davies (South Wales Police), 21 R Collins (South Wales Police).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 S J Halliday (Bath), 17 P N Williams (Orrell), 18 R M Harding (Bristol), 19 J A Probyn (Wasps), 20 B C Moore (Nottingham), 21 D Egerton (Bath).

Welsh build on an early advantage

Welsh Universities 9
English Universities 3

Welsh Universities deservedly beat their English counterparts at Sketty Lane, Swansea, yesterday by three penalty goals to one.

When the Welsh turned around to face the wind at 6-0 up through penalties by David Evans, the fly-half, and centre Jeff Bird, it seemed as though they would pay for not making greater use of the conditions in the first half.

But they tightened up using the considerable driving force of Fiji captain Esala Teleni and his back-row colleagues, Simon Bryant and Mark Bennett, to push the visitors back.

Andrew Booth, under the gaze of his Neath team manager Brian Thomas, was stretchered off with a broken leg midway through the half, suffered when trying to gather after Simon Holmes, the English captain and No. 8, put a pass to the floor. Bennett, the Welsh flanker, left with a twisted knee to be replaced by Cardiff medical student, David Cooke. England too had an injury to centre Rob McNaughton, and he was replaced by Michael Pedlow.

England's back row played a tremendous part in keeping their side in the hunt with outstanding cross-field cover. But a penalty apiece was all either side could muster in the second-half. Mark Langley and Andrew Donald, the Welsh locks, stepped up their efforts to deny the English vital possession. It was from that tight phase and the scrums that Teleni proved so useful, driving on with close support. Evans stretched the Welsh lead with a third successful penalty when English hooker Graham Shaw played the ball after halting another Teleni charge. Chris Howard, the England right-wing, got his side's first points when Cooke retaliated at a ruck under the posts. By then the Welsh pack's improvement was so great that even with the considerable wind advantage, England could make no headway.

SCORERS: Welsh Universities: Penalties: D Evans (2), J Bird. English Universities: Penalty: C Howard.
WELSH UNIVERSITIES: M Evans (UIST), A Richards (UC Swansea), M Hall (UC Cardiff, capt), J Bird (UC Swansea), J Beazil (UC Cardiff), D Evans, A Booth (replacement C Phillips (UC Swansea), G Evans (UC Swansea), H Williams (UC Cardiff), S Wordley (UC Cardiff), A Donald (UIST), M Bennett (UC Swansea, replacement D Cooke (Cardiff Medicals), S Bryant (UC Swansea), E Teleni (UIST).
ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES: S Hill (UCL); C Howard (Loughborough), H Jeavons-Fellows (Bristol), R McNaughton (Liverpool, (replacement M Pedlow), D Kennedy (Bradford), M Walker (Bristol), M Hancock (Loughborough); A Challis (Nottingham), G Shaw (Aston), A Birkett (Reading), T Swan (Liverpool), M Reid (Loughborough), S Swales (Bristol), S Holmes (East Anglia, capt), C Sheasby (King's College).
Referee: R Yeman (Port Talbot).

Navy sail a winning tack to Twickenham

By Peter Marson

As the Royal Navy and the Army fire the first salvoes in the Inter-Services Tournament at Twickenham this afternoon, the Royal Air Force, the Services champions, will be on reconnaissance, with their representatives possibly the only impartial observers among rows of partisans packed into the West Stand.

It could be that the Army, who have been a shade inconsistent, will find the Navy, a balanced and successful combination, a difficult side to beat as they strive to reclaim the Stewart Wrightson Trophy. A nucleus of half a dozen players, fore and aft, has given the Navy side buoyancy and stability, a fact which is borne out by an undefeated run of seven matches.

They have a nimble strategist in Livingstone at scrum-half and, should the match turn on place kicking, then Whitcombe, his partner, will surely have a part to play.

ARMY: L-Bdr S Commander (RA); Cpl E Atkins (Royal Signals), Lt H Kelly (DWR), Cpl W Carling (RRW), Cpl D Tucker (LD, WO2 J Morgan (REME, capt), S-Sgt G Morgan (REME), L-Cpl G Graham (Army and Sutherland), S-Sgt B Byrne (REME), Capt C Harvey (DWR), WO2 R Travess (RAOC), Lt I Campbell-Lamerton (Scots Guards), Capt B McCall (REME), Lt P Trythall (LI), Spr D Ryan (Engineer Regiment).
ROYAL NAVY: MEM F Boon (Dolphin); PO R Penfold (Raleigh), Lt C Alcock (Seahawk, capt), MEA A Kellett (Sultan), Mid M Speakman (BRNC Dartmouth); Mne M Whittingstee (Royal Marines), Mne P Livingstone (Royal Marines, Deal), Sgt J Martin (Royal Marines), CPO D Chislett (RNAS Yeovilton), Lt B Howarth (Sultan), Sgt M Reece (Royal Marines), LAEM B Woodcock (Daedalus), PO P Elliott (Seahawk), Cpl M Hewitt (Royal Marines), Lt S Hughes (Royal Marines).

Women break through

The growing popularity of women's rugby has led to two inaugural events scheduled for the final month of this season (David Hands writes).

The first international of Wales versus England will be on April 5 at Pontypool Park and, six days later, the first full women's match at Twickenham will be the curtain-raiser to the Thorn EMI county championship final.

The Twickenham match will be the final of the women's club knockout competition. The semi-finals will be played within a fortnight, starting with Richmond and Loughborough, who meet tomorrow in the annual tournament at Loughborough sponsored by John Smith's. Loughborough, the holders, have invited 10 teams.

Newcomers include Pontypool, York University and Bromley. A women's match between Oxford and Cambridge may also not be far away: enthusiasm for the idea has grown in both universities this season.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales 12.40am-12.45 Weather SCOTLAND 1.55 Rugby Union: France v Scotland (whole match) Wales v England (highlights) 5.15-5.20 Scotish News and Sport 10.10-10.40 Sportscene 10.40-11.10 Andy Cameron Live 11.10-11.55 Cagney and Lacey 11.55-12.25am All The Best — Dave Allen 12.25-12.30 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55pm-5.05 Northern Ireland results (part of Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland News 12.40am-12.45 News and weather ENGLAND 5.15pm-5.20 South and East (London) — Sport. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm-2.15 Fall Guy 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30 Call of the Cloisters; Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.00am Spiderman 11.30-12.00 Mr Merlin 1.20pm-2.15 Squash 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Master T 11.30-12.00 Under the Mountain 1.20pm Knight Rider 2.15-2.50 Who's the Boss? 10.40 Domino Principle 12.30am Film: Mean Machine 2.45 Central Live with Mike Tyson 4.30-6.55am Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm Rallycross 1.50 Different Strokes 2.15-2.50 Doctor in the House 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 11.45 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am The Icicle Works 1.15 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 1.20pm-2.15 Squash 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm Rallycross 1.50 Different Strokes 2.15-2.50 Doctor in the House 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 11.45 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am The Icicle Works 1.15 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 1.20pm-2.15 Fall Guy 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.25 Crystal Tipps 11.30-12.00 Smurfs 1.20pm-2.15 Squash 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Chips 1.20pm Pebsham Now 1.25 Walt Disney Presents 1.45 Different Strokes 2.15-2.50 Getaway on Top of the World 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Blockbusters 5.40-6.45 Gun Honeybun 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm Rallycross 1.50-2.15 Different Strokes 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Film: The Icicle Works 1.15 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am UFO 11.55-12.00 Lookaround 1.20pm-2.15 Tucker's Witch 11.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Poetry of the People, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 UFO 4.55-5.00 Sports results 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow and Mrs King 10.40 Film: Domino Principle 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C 10.30am Union World 11.00 Week in Politics 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Marketing Mix 12.30 Film: Painted Veil 2.00 Rygbi Rhyngwladol 4.15 Film: Captain Boycott 6.00 Rygbi'r Pencampwriaeth Speed Cross Challenge 7.00 Materion Teuluol 7.30 Newyddion 7.40 Stondin 8.30 Elinor Bennett 9.05 Y Mans Cyfrinach 10.05 BR 10.35 Ask Dr Ruth 11.05 Film: Persona 12.35 Diweddglo/Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 12.05am-12.10 News and weather SCOTLAND 3.00pm-3.50 Golf — The One Club Challenge 3.50-4.45 Bryden Thomas — Portrait of a Conductor 4.45-4.55 Willie Hunter's Shetland 10.30-11.05 Voyager 12.05am-12.10 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND 12.35pm-12.58 Farm View 11.05-12.05am From Russia 12.05-12.10 News and weather

BBC2 WALES 2.00pm-3.00 Rugby Special. Wales v England highlights

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Beverly Hillbillies 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 12.30am Last Book, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Big Fight Result 9.35-10.30 So. Million Dollar Man 1.00pm Going On 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 3.45-4.45 Murder, She Wrote 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Starting Point 1.00pm Les Français Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Enterprise South 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 11.00 Recollections 11.30-12.00 Full Life 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Face the Press 2.30 Scarecrow and Mrs King 3.20 Bullseye 4.00-4.30 Botany 5.00-6.00 Scorsport 12.30am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Big Fight Results 9.35-10.30 Linda Lora Faumleroy 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Asp Kaa Hai 1.10 Wish You Were Here 1.40-2.00 This is Your Right 11.30 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Magic the Mouse 1.00pm-1.30 West Country Farming 5.45-6.45 Murder, She Wrote! 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.30pm-12.30am End of the Empire.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Peter's Adventures 11.00 Encounter 11.25 Cartoon 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm Glen Michael Cavalcade 2.00 Cross Current 2.30 Hart to Hart 3.35 Bullseye 4.00-4.30 Botany 5.00-6.00 Scorsport 5.45-6.45 Murder, She Wrote 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Look and See 1.00pm South West Week 1.30-2.00 Farming News 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00-5.30 Supergran 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Employment Abroad 1.00pm Agenda 1.30-2.00 Enterprise South 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Morning Glory 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Face the Press 5.30-6.00 Northern Life 12.30am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Getting On 1.30-2.00 Advice with Anne Hailes 3.45 Sing Out 9.15-9.45 Cosby Show 12.25am Sports Results 12.30 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Getting On 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 12.30am Five Minutes 12.35 Jobfinder 1.35 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Heloc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Wonzal Dammdge 11.30 Waltons 12.30pm The Tube 2.00 Pobol All Through the Night 4.00 Claus Ogermann 5.00 7 Days 5.30 Business Programme 6.15 Badminton 7.15 WB Cwic Cwec 7.30 Newyddion 7.36 Cas An Gan 8.00 Pobl Y Cwm 8.30 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Gwilod Yn Bytlle... 9.40 John Woods — A Life 10.25 Film: Mine Own Executioner 12.20am Closedown.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Becker an absentee

Hamburg (Reuter) — The Wimbledon champion, Boris Becker, who said he might never play in Hamburg again after his early defeat in the West German Open here last year, is missing from the entries for this year's £238,000 tournament.

The organizers said that Becker's manager, Ion Tiriac, had told them that Becker was not entering next month's tournament, in which he was beaten in his first match by the unseeded American, Mel Purcell. Becker claimed then that the crowd had whistled and jeered at his mistakes and said he was unable to get peace off the court because of the obsessive attentions of his supporters.

Friendly Kent

Kent will play Surrey in two pre-season friendly games. The counties will meet at the Oval on Wednesday, April 15, and at Canterbury the following day.

Ski jeopardy

Canmore, Alberta (Reuter) — Dangerously poor conditions forced organizers to postpone training runs for today's women's World Cup downhill for a third day, putting the first major test of the 1988 Olympic Alpine venue in serious jeopardy. The race director, Bill Wearmouth, said both training runs were cancelled because what little snow remained on the new Mount Allan course had an icy glaze on top and was soft underneath.

Double date

Steve Cram has a double date this weekend. Cram, just back from a training spell in Australia and Mauritius, will be in action for his club Jarrow and Hebburn in today's Gosforth road races. Tomorrow he will line up alongside stage and screen personalities in a run to raise money for Newcastle's Theatre Royal.

LA defence

Mexico City (Reuter) — The World Boxing Council (WBC) super-lightweight champion, Tsuyoshi Hamada of Japan, will defend his title in Los Angeles on May 23 against Rene Arredondo of Mexico, his second defence of the title he won from Arredondo last July.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

MALMÖ, Sweden: Scandinavian Open: Men's singles: Second round: M Frost (Den) br R Mainaky (Den), 15-8, 15-1; Sang Bae Park (S Kor) bt H Sperre (Nor), 15-7, 15-11; Foo Kok Keong (Mal) br M Smith (GB), 15-3, 15-4; T Freriksen (Nor) bt H Nishiyama (Japan), 18-13, 15-13; Yang Yang (Chn) bt H Susanto (Indo), 15-11, 15-8. M Bures (Can) bt Cheng Wen Seng (Taipei), 15-5, 15-11; H Hurmawan (Indo) bt J Knudsen (Den) 15-9, 15-1; Rashid Sidek (Mal) bt S Matsuno (Japan), 18-16, 15-3; P Jonsson (Swe) bt A Wirasti (Indo) 7-15, 15-11, 15-5; M Kjeldsen (Den) bt H Fischer (Austria) 15-6, 18-15; A Nusumah (Indo) bt L Andersen (Den), 15-7, 15-3; M Sidek (Mal) br Chan Ho Kwai (S Kor), 15-11 5-15 15-5; Sun-Bok Lee (S Kor) bt J P Neimoll (Den) 15-11 11-15, 17-16; Sze Yu (Aus) br J-E Antonsson (Swe), 15-10, 15-5; A Kuhasemio (Indo) bt S Matsuura (Japan) 15-9, 15-13; I Sugiarto (Indo) br A Meesen (GB) 15-1, 15-1; Women's singles: First round: E Lanel (Indo) bt C Bessette (Den), 7-11, 11-2, 11-2; Jung-Suk Lee (S Kor) br Y Kazuura (Japan), 11-9, 11-7; C Magnusson (Swe) bt C Gay (GB), 11-7, 11-2; K Kitamoto (Japan) br C Wimberg (Swe), 11-8, 11-5; Sung-Suk Chun (S Kor) bt T Sorensen (Den), 11-6, 11-0; K Anderson (Swe) br A Chan (HK), 11-9, 11-5. Men's doubles: First round: F Soes (Den) bt Sidek (Mal) br M Bunar and J Hedgepe (Can), 15-2, 15-10; M Kjeldsen and J-P Neimoll (Den) bt L Wengberg and T Pesersson (Swe), 15-10, 15-3; S Flostberg and J Pausen (Den) bt L Pedersen and M Knudsen (Den), 15-10, 15-5; J Olsson and P Asmussen (Den) bt H Fischer and K Fischer (Austria), 15-3, 15-3; J-E Antonsson and P-G Johnnson (Swe) br N Sheby and K Thomsen (Den), 15-12, 11-15, 15-8; S Charoen-Rasmee and S Rapee Tongsari (Tha) bt H Nishiyama and S Meyaman (Jap), 15-6, 15-2; I Hwang-Jae (Kor) and C Norcen (Swe) br O Beng Teong and S Goon Soup (Mal), 15-10 15-9; L Pongon and Hadibowo (Indo) bt M Bunar and Debere (Can), 18-13, 15-7; R Outhercope and M Barnes (GB) bt S-B Park and C Im-Jin Soon (S Kor), 15-7, 9-15, 15-11; H Sperre and J Mjelstrand (Nor) bt H Fischer and C Wolfgang (Den), 15-10, 11-15, 17-16; A Nielsen and M Smith (GB) bt T Tuomnen and M Heikonen (Fin), 15-10, 15-10. C-H Kwak and S-B Lee (S Kor) bt M Christiansen (Den) and S Kjeldson (Swe), 15-8, 3-15, 15-12. M Madsgaard and S Dossenberg (Swe) bt M Sandrup and T Lund (Den) 8-15, 15-8, 15-8. S Matsuura and S Matsuno (Jap) bt C Dobson and D Wright (GB), 18-14, 15-6; J Knudsen and H Svarrer (Den) bt R Roennbomm and E Soederberg (Swe), 15-9, 17-15; L Yongao and T Bingyi (China) bt P Flemborg and P Olsosson (Swe), 15-10, 15-4.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: (NBA): Phoenix Suns 126, Cleveland Cavaliers 102; Denver Nuggets 121, San Antonio Spurs 104; Seattle SuperSonics 127, Portland Trail Blazers 122; Golden State Warriors 105, Houston Rockets 96.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Final phase, semi-round, first leg: Tracie Milan (It) 75 Real Madrid (Sp) 73. Ortnez (Fr) 73 Zadar (Yug) 69.
BRITISH MASTERS: First round, second leg: BPCC Rams Derby 91 (Cole 30), Oldham Celtics 79 (Cook 29); Derby won 187-185 on agg.

BOWLS

NORTHAMPTON: English women's national indoor championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: E Wiggs (Croydon, Surrey) bt P Pearce (Preston Brighton) 21-20; Semi-finals: N Shaw (Tewsside, Cleveland) bt M Price (Desborough Berks) 21-13. Pleas, semi-final: Croydon (E Vigo and T Barton) bt Folkestone (E Morgan and E Asm) 37-6. Finals: Athersley, Sournampton (M Lane and E Farman) bt Croydon, 16-15. Yeldon Treasey Pears semi-finalist Croydon 22, West Cornwall 20. Kingston skips finals: P Spencer 22, M Stevenson 17, P Ward 23, G Daniel 24, P Pears 24, G Thomas 15, T Barron 23, M Matthews 24. Bicester (Suffolk) br Darlington 8-1. Bicester (Kent) bt Hunstanton 22-8. Blackpool (Lancs) bt Penwortham 21-9. Carnforth (Lancs) bt Penwortham 21-18. Reports of Surrey 21-3, Brent 21, Ingrave 21-9. Semi-finals: Richmond bt Burke 21-8; Mitchell br Swanmore 21-15.

WEIGHTLIFTING

LVOV, Soviet Union: Mid-heavyweight: I. A Kurlayaty (USSR), 233.5kg jerk (world record)

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Postponed: Benfica v Dynamo Kiev.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 2, Charlton 4.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham 3, Nottingham Forest 2, Everton 0, Liverpool 1; Derby 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Bolton 2, Rotherham 0. Second division: Darlington 2, Barnsley 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup, third round replay: Chesham 1, Woodford 4.
EASTERN FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Saffron Walden 1, Stevenage 5.
BASS IRISH CUP: First round replay: Bangor 2, Toosmorne 0.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Racing Club Paris 5, Lens 0.

BOXING

ORLANDO: Amateur internationals: United States br the Soviet Union 7-5 on an amateur boxing international nine bout night:
(US names first) Light-flyweight (48kg): M Carrozza br R Kazandzyan points. Flyweight (51kg): E Cook br V Antonov, pts. Bantamweight (54kg), M Coffin br Y Alexandrov pts. Featherweight (57kg): K Gomez br M Kazanyan pts. Lightweight (60.5kg): T Southerland lost to

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Edited by Peter Dear and Paul Henderson

● Made in the 1960s, **The Power Game** (Channel 4, 9.00) reflects the meritocracy of the Wilson years. It concerns boardroom struggles in the civil engineering industry (try selling *that* as an idea now), new money and belligerent business styles. Seeing it again one is reminded of its limited scope: very few sets and exterior locations. Fat cats talking turkey is what it amounts to, and it works because script and acting stand up to scrutiny. Because there are so few trappings the series has not dated particularly, except perhaps for the credit in which British management is held, and unlike most series today it has no

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underlying message about law and order, and so forth.

● **John Woods - A Life** (Channel 4, 7.30pm) looks back over ninety years spent mostly in Kenya. Woods is not as flamoybant as Colonel Harry Hook, *the Kenyan expatriate* who was the subject of *40 Minutes* recently, but his story, which took him into the trenches, then into a the flying corps and out to Kenya, first as a soldier settler and then as a progressive teacher, is worth listening to.

Chris Petit



Susan Penhaligon and Bruce Robinson star in the compelling love story, Private Road (Ch4, 11.20pm)



Steve McQueen and Natalie Wood star in Love with the Proper Stranger (Ch4, 10.20pm)

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● David Attenborough's wild-life programmes are good and specific, but **The First Eden** (BBC2, 7.45) a new series about the Mediterranean, looks like an excuse for a gadabout. We are treated to a sophisticated lantern lecture *with no expense spared* and complete with a crashingly obvious score: bring on the icecap music. Plink! Plonk!

● The subject of **The South Bank Show** (ITV, 10.30pm) is V. S. Naipaul, a novelist who speaks as precisely as he writes. Naipaul traces his journey from his Caribbean origins to his present life in the Avon valley. Naipaul is interesting on many subjects — gardens, medieval paintings, new forms of neuroses — and includes an excellent description of fiction.

● **Armchair Theatre: Afternoon of a Nymph** (Channel 4, 9.15pm) exposes the sleazy world of 1960s show business through a day in the life of a starlet. It was made in 1962 and its look owes a lot to a kind of low-budget cinema where resourcefulness and a lack of money helped to create a dynamic style. Ian Hendry, who failed to fulfil his early promise, plays a director of commercials.

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Until 8.30.
8.30 The Hunter. (r) **8.35** Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. (r)
9.00 Saturday SuperStore managed by Mike Read. Among this morning's customers are Mike Gatting, Bill Owen and Kathy Staff, and Star Trek's Scotty, James Doohan.
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) **12.20** Athletics: the World Indoor Championships; **12.30 Football Focus; 12.50 News** and weather; **12.55 Racing:** the 1.00, 1.30, and 2.00 from **Haydock**; the 1.15 and 1.45 from **Newbury; 2.10** and **4.00 Rugby Union:** Wales v England (full coverage); France v Scotland (highlights); **4.35** Final score.
5.05 News with Jan Leeming **5.15** Sport/Regional news.
5.20 **Perfect Strangers.** Comedy series from the United States starring Bronson Pinchot.
5.45 **Jim'll Fix It.** Among those for whom Mr Savile fixed it is an 11-year-old with a fixation for bats. He is taken to a secret location in Dorset where he spots six species. (Ceefax)
6.20 **The Little and Large Show.** Syd's and Eddie's guests are Ross Davidson, Percy Edwards, Paul Levant and Ruby Turner. (Ceefax)
6.55 **Bob's Full House.** Bingo quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax)
7.30 **One By One.** Part two of the ten programme series based on David Taylor's *Zoo Vet* books. Donald Turner receives a call from Madrid Zoo where he meets the giant panda for the first time. (Ceefax)
8.20 **International Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships from Indianapolis.
9.55 News and sport. With Jan Leeming. Weather.
10.10 **Cagney and Lacey.** The two New York lady police officers become involved in a colleague's quest for revenge. (Ceefax)
11.00 **Film: Loophole** (1980) starring Albert Finney, Martin Sheen, and Susannah York. Thriller about an expert team of criminals who plan to raid a burglar-proof London holding bank by way of the sewers. Directed by John Quested.
12.40 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.50 **Open University.** Until 1.55.
2.05 **Chess Classic.** The first of a new series from Brussels in which Jeremy James and Bill Hartston eavesdrop on the thoughts of the masters, this afternoon Gary Kasparov and Viktor Korchnoi.
2.35 **Film: Triple Double*** (1934) *starring* Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey. A comedy in which Willie and Elmer adopt a child with a penchant for breaking glass. Directed by George Stevens.
3.50 **Film: The Only Game in Town** (1969) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Warren Beatty. The far-from-smooth love story between a chorus girl and a gambler. Directed by George Stevens.
5.40 **The Week in the Lords.**
6.20 **Micro Live.** Lesley Judd and Ian McNaught-Davis examine the use of computers and microelectronics in the world of medicine.
6.50 **NewsView** with Jan Leeming and Moira Stuart.Weather.
7.30 **Dance Double Bill.** Two ballets by Jiri Kylian, danced by members of the Netherlands Dance Theatre - Torso, a duet made in 1975 to music composed by Toru Takemitsu, danced by Sabine Kupferberg and Leigh Warren; and L'Enfant et les sortilges, a fantasy danced by Mary Knoben.
8.45 **Saturday Review** presented by Russell Davies. **Architecture:** the Le Corbusier exhibition at the *Hayward Gallery* reviewed by Norman Foster; **Literature:** Helen Birch examines the feminist thriller.
9.35 **Film: Fanny and Alexander** (1982) The second of Ingmar Bergman's four-part celebration of childhood, and after Oscar Ekdahl collapses and his family gather round his bedside, Alexander is forced to face the darker side of life for the first time.
10.55 **Sawdust and Tinsel*** (1953) starring Harriet Andersson and Ake Gronberg. The story of an impoverished circus owner who is tempted to settle down to domestic bliss and respectability with his mistress who, in turn, decides to have an affair with an actor. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. English subtitles. Ends at **12.35.**

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6.55 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.58**; news at **7.00**; sport at **7.10.**
7.30 **The Wide Awake Club.**
9.25 **No 73.** Fun and games for the young. **11.00 The Outsiders.** Australian drama series. (r)
12.00 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
12.05 **Saint and Greavsie. 12.30 Wrestling.** Three bouts from Huddersfield Town Hall.
1.20 **Chips.** California Highway Patrol adventures **2.15 Please, Sir!** Comedy series starring John Alderton. (r)
2.50 **Film: Crash Dive** (1943) starring Tyrone Power, Dana Andrews, and Anne Baxter. Second World War drama about two officers serving on board a United States submarine who both love the same girl. Directed by Archie Mayo
4.45 **Results Service.**
5.00 **News.**
5.05 **Walt Disney Presents.** The story of The Tortoise and the Hare. (r)
5.15 **Connections.**
5.45 **The A-Team.** The irregular quartet help a Wild West Show owner. (r)
6.45 **Bobby Davro's TV Weekly.** Comedy impressions from the host and his guest, Jessica Martin.
7.15 **Me and My Girl.** Comedy series starring Richard O'Sullivan. (Oracle)
7.45 **The Price is Right.** Game show.
8.45 News and sport.
9.00 **Big Fight Preview.**
9.05 **Aspel and Company.** The guests are Leslie Crowther, Tom Jones, and Julie Andrews.
9.50 **World Championship Boxing.** The WBC Light-Heavyweight Championship bout between Dennis Andries and Tommy Hearns. The commentator at The Cobal Arena, Detroit, is Jim Rosenthal.
10.40 **LWT News** headlines followed by **The Big Match:** Brian Moore introduces highlights from one of this afternoon's top games in London.
11.25 **Film: Eating Raoul** (1982) starring Paul Bartel and Mary Woronov. A black comedy about a young couple whose decision to leave degenerate Hollywood and go and live in the country, leads to a string of bizarre murders. Directed by Paul Bartel.
1.00 **Glastonbury.** Aswad in concert. Ends at **1.55.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **A Question of Economics.** Part 18. (r) **9.50 4 What It's Worth.** (r) **10.20 The Living Body.** The digestion process (r) **10.45 The World - A Television History.** AD100 - AD600 (r)
11.15 **Mountbatten.** Programme one of a 12-part series of personal reminiscences recalled by Lord Mountbatten. (r) **12.15 Isaura the Slave Girl.** (r) **12.55 Woody Woodpecker.**
1.00 ***Four American Composers.*** Part three - Philip Glass. (r)
2.00 **Film: The Blue Peter** (1954) starring Keiron Moore and Greta Gynt. A Korean War veteran agrees to work as an Outward Bound instructor in charge of 12 boys. Directed by Wolf Rilla.
3.45 **Film: Pot Luck*** (1936) starring Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn. A farce about a policeman who is coaxed out of retirement to help a pair of victims capture a gang of thieves. Directed by Tom Walls
5.05 **Brookside.** (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Right To Reply.** ITV's First Aids programme patronizized young people, according to critics. Executive producer David Cox defends.
6.30 **Speed Chess Challenge** featuring Gary Kasparov and Nigel Short.
7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **7 Days.** Civil disobedience and the justification for breaking the law is discussed by Bruce Kent and David Reagan, Professor of Politics at Nottingham University.
7.30 **John Woods - A Life.** (see Choice)
8.15 **Pioneers of Socialism.** This final programme of the series.
9.00 **The Power Game*** Sixties boardroom drama serial. (see Choice)
10.00 **Saturday Live.** The guests include Lenny Henry, and Frankie Goes to Hollywood.
11.15 **Aids Brief.**
11.20 **Film: Private Road** (1971) starring Susan Penhaligon. A middle-class young woman decides to live with a young writer in his flat he shares with a friend, Stephen. Directed by Barney Platts-Mills
1.05 **Film: Recluse** (1979) An award-winning film, starring Maurice Denham, about two brothers and their ageing sister who run a farm in Devon. Directed by Bob Bentley. Ends at **1.35**

BBC 1

6.45 **Open University.** Until 8.50
8.55 **Play School 9.15 Signs of Hope.** The first of four service for Lent. From St John's Church, Taunton.
10.00 **Asian Magazine.** Salman Rushdie talk about his Nicaragua visit which spawned his book, The Jaguar Smile **10.30 Take Nobody's Word For It.** (r) **10.55 Buongiorno Italia!** Lesson 20. (r) **11.20 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga.** (r) **11.30 Parent Programme.** (r) **11.45 Telejournal** (r)
12.10 **Sign Extra.** Richard Blizzard makes bunk beds **12.35 Farming.** Can farmers afford to pay for the advice and research governments have given free for the past four decades? **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 **This Week Next Week.** What Price Peace in the Schools? With Kenneth Baker, Fred Jarvis, David Hart, John Pearman, and James Hammond **2.00 EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax).
3.00 **Match of the Day Live.** Watford v Everton.
4.55 **Tom and Jerry.** Cartoon.
5.05 **The Muppet Show.** The guest is Bernadette Peters.
5.30 **Antiques Roadshow** from Peterborough. (Ceefax)
6.15 **You In Mind.** Part three - overcoming insomnia.
6.25 **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
6.40 **Songs of Praise** from Larkhill Garrison, Salisbury Plain. (Ceefax).
7.15 **Last of the Summer Wine.** Grown men are reduced to tears when Edie decides to take driving lessons. (Ceefax)
7.45 **International Athletics.** The World Indoor Championships from Indianapolis.
8.40 **The District Nurse.** A possible outbreak of food poisoning could threaten Glanmor's tourist trade. (Ceefax).
9.30 **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.45 **That's Life!** Consumer affairs.
10.30 **Heart of the Matter.** Helena Kennedy, with, among others, Lord Devlin, discusses, in the light of Aids, what justification there is for interfering in other people's private behaviour.
11.05 **The World of UB40.** Two young people meet in a crowded dole queue and explore the world of the unemployed.
11.35 **Simon King's Country Diary.** The wildlife of the southern counties. 9r)
12.05 **Weather.**

BBC 2

6.50 **Open University.** Until 1.55.
2.00 **International Rugby Special.** Highlights of Wales and England; and France and Scotland.
3.00 ***Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House*** (1948) starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy. A comedy about an advertising executive and his wife, who are dissatisfied with their cramped New York apartment. Directed by H.C.Potter.
4.30 **Music in Camera.** The first of three programmes in which the musical directors of three different ensembles give personal views of landmarks of composition in their field over the past half century. This afternoon Terry Edwards, with the London Sinfonietta Voices, and Electric Phoenix.
5.15 **Thinking Aloud** from Moscow. Gorbachov's dream for Russia at the turn of the century is discussed by Dr Radomir Bogdanov, Peter Frank, Dr Ivan Koroiyov, and Vladimir Posner. Michael Ignatieff is in the chair.
6.00 **Ski Sunday.** The Men's Downhill from Aspen, Colorado.
6.30 **The Money Programme** includes a report on the TGWU's drive to recruit part-timers.
7.15 **On the House.** Do-it-yourself series.
7.45 **The First Eden.** Part one ofDavid Attenborough's story of the Mediterranean. (see Choice)
8.40 **International Darts.** England v Scotland in the Haywards Foods British Championship.
9.20 **Did You See..?** The Clothes Show, Frocks on the Box, Bookmark, and Chateauvallon, are discussed by Kathy Acker, Ted Polhemus, and Chantal Cuer.
10.00 **World Billiards.** The final of the Monarflex World Professional Billiards Championship.
10.30 **Screen Two: *Inappropriate Behaviour*** (1987). A *made-for-television* drama about Jo, an American teacher of difficult children, working in England. She befriends her most rebellious pupil who in turn teaches Jo to ride on her parents' farm. Starring Jenifer Landor and Charlotte Coleman. Directed by Paul Seed. (Ceefax)
11.50 **International Darts.** Highlights of the match between England and Scotland. ends at **12.25.**

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6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment; **7.00** Are You Awake Yet?; **7.25** Wac Extra.
8.30 **David Frost on Sunday.** Among the guests is Kenneth Baker.
9.25 **Wake Up London.** (r)
9.30 **World Championship Boxing.** The WBC/WBA Heavyweight bout between Mike Tyson and James Smith. **10.30 No 73.**
11.00 **Morning Worship** from St Mary's Whitkirk, Leeds. **11.45 The Old Testament in Art.** The first of a new series on art inspired by the Old Testament.
12.00 **Weekend World.** What will the Gorbachov offer on nuclear arms cuts mean for the security of Western Europe? Sir Geoffrey Howe opines **1.00 Police Five 1.15 The Smurfs.** (r)
1.30 **Getting On.** The team that replaced Tony Van den Bergh's hip on television talks to Gillian Reynolds **2.00 LWT News** headlines followed by **Encounter.** Is the Church meddling in politics?
2.30 **Film: The Wooden Horse*** (1950) starring Leo Genn. Second World War prisoner-of-war escape adventure, based on Eric Williams' true story. Directed by Jack Lee.
4.30 **Supergran.** A new series of the children's fantasy stories, starring Gudrun Ure.
5.00 **Bellamy on Top of the World.** David Bellamy visits Baffin Island.
5.30 **Bullseye.** Darts and general knowledge game.
6.00 **The Television Show.** *Reviews, previews, and* location reports.
6.30 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
6.40 **Appeal** on behalf of BREAK by John Timson.
6.45 **Highway.** With Sir Harry on HMS Warrior in Hartlepool.
7.15 **Catchphrase.** Hi-tech puzzle game presented by Roy Walker. (Oracle)
7.45 **Surprise Surprise** withCilla Black.
8.45 ***Crazy Like a Fox.*** Harry thinks he saw a murder, but no-one believes him.
9.45 **News.**
10.00 **Clive James on Television.** A trawl through the more bizarre of the world's television programmes. (r)
10.30 **The South Bank Show.** The life and times of V.S.Naipaul. (see Choice)
11.30 **LWT News** headlines followed by **End of Empire.** The rebellion of Rhodesia's whites. Ends at **12.25.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Sunday East** presented by Mihir Bose. This week the accent is on hockey. Followed by **Deewarain.** Drama serial set in a Pakistan village.
10.00 **The World This Week.** A look behind the battlelines of Beirut.
11.00 **Worzel Gummidge.** (r) **11.30 The Waltons.** Episode 20. **12.30 The Tube** *includes* Grace Jones, Robert Cray, and Shelleyan Orphan. (r)
2.00 **Rebecca, The Little Chimney Sweep,** and **Hand in Hand.** Programmes for the young hearing impaired. (Oracle)
2.30 **Film: Hell's Angels*** (1930) starring Jean Harlow, Ben Lyon, and James Hall. First World War drama about three ace airmen. Directed by Howard Hughes.
4.45 **World of Animation.**
5.00 **Robinson Country.** Robert Robinson meets Neil Dunn, Tom Sharpe, and Dr A.L.Rowse. (r)
5.30 **News** summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** Dermot Murnaghan reports on the row between Brymon, 40 per cent owned by BA, and British Midland, over who should use the new Docklands airport.
6.15 **International Badminton.** The semifinals and final of the British Airways Masters Men's Doubles.
7.15 **The World at War.** Part 14 of the history of the Second World War focuses on Burma 1942 - 1944. Narrated by Laurence Olivier. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 **A-Z of C&W with Hank Wangford.** *Part three of* Hank Wangford's five-programme series on the story of country music, features artists and songs beginning with the letters from G to I.
9.15 **Armchair Theatre: Afternoon of a Nymph*,** by Robert Muller. Janet Munro and Ian Hendry star in this story of a shallow day in the life of a film starlet. (r) (see Choice)
10.20 **Film: Love With a Proper Stranger*** (1964) starring Steve McQueen and Natalie Wood. Romantic comedy about a New York shop assistant, longing to escape the constraints of stuffy Italian-American society, who meets a libertine jazzman. Directed by Robert Mulligan.
12.10 **The Twilight Zone: It's a Good Life*.** A tale of the supernatural. Ends at **12.40.**

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00** midnight.
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence **2.00-3.00** Rebel Yell. New series with John Peel **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** The Midnight Runners Show with Dixie Peach**VHF stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30** As Radio 2 **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave
Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then **3.00-, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.** Headlines **6.30am, 7.30.** Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm, 10.02**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time with Peter Clayton **1.00pm** Pull The Other One **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Five Nations Championship **5.00** Sports Round-Up **6.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **6.30** Cider 'n' Song with The Yetties **7.00** The Conch Quiz. Lighthearted natural history quiz **7.30** Saludos A Espana **9.30** String Sound BBC Radio Orchestra **10.00** Big Fight Special. WBC Light Heavyweight Championship of the World, Dennis Andreis v Thomas Hearns **11.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Education Bulletin.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News
7.05 Aubade. Bach Overture, Suite No 1 in C (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Sir Neville Marriner; *Villa-Lobos.* Choro No 4. Vitali Boujanovski (horn) Pavel Evstigneev (horn) Anatoli Soukoroukov (horn) Victor Benkovski (trombone); Francisco Braga, O'Kinimba Capim d; pranta;Nigue-nigue-ninhas, Teresa Berganza (mezzo-sop) Juan Antonio Alvarez Parejo (piano); Villa-Lobos Impressoes seresteiras, Festa no Sertao, Anna-Stella Schic (piano); *Milhaud, Le boeuf sur le toit* (French NO under Leonard Bernstein
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Villa Lobos, Bachiana Brasileira No 9, Samba classico. Desejo, Xango; Milhaud, Corcovado. Sumare, Tijuca (French NO under Leonard Bernstein)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review, with Paul Vaughan. Building a Library: Ravel's Mother Goose, by Paul Griffiths. John Steam reviews recent records of choral music from Palestrina to Tippett.
10.15 Stereo Release. Haydn, Missa in tempore belli (Leipzig Radio Choir and Dresden State Orchestra under Sir Neville Marriner; Kodaly, Budavari Te Deum (Hungarian Radio and Television Chorus and Budapest Symphony Orchestra under Janos Ferencsik.
11.25 Cleveland Orchestra. *Beethoven* Overture: Leonora No3, Choral Fantasy; Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms; Tchaikovsky Fantasy: Francesca da Rimini,Op 32.
1.00 News
1.05 Roseingrave and Scarlatti. In the last of three programmes Robert Wooley plays a number of Scarlatti's harpsichord sonatas (one arranged by Roseingrave) and Roseingrave's Sett in D minor.
1.55 Britten and Prokofiev. BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Nicholas Braithwaite, plays Britten's Variations on a theme of Frank Bridge, for string orchestra, and Prokofiev's Symphony No 2 in D minor.
3.05 South Place Sunday Concerts: Beethoven, Quartet in F minor, Op 95; *Dvorak, Quartet in F, Op 96 (American);* Schubert, Quintet in C (D 956). Lindsay String Quartet with Douglas Cummings (cello)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Peter Clayton.
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 The Organ Sonatas of Alexandre Guilmant. Second of eight programmes played by Christopher Herrick on the Van den Heuvel organ at the Nieuwe Kerk, Katwijk aan Zee, the Netherlands.
7.05 Die Frau ohne Schatten (The Woman Without a Shadow), by Hugo von Hofmannsthal. Music by Strauss. Vienna State Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Karl Böhm. Sung in German by a cast which includes Ruth Hesse (mezzo sop), *Peter Wimberger* (bass) and James King (tenor)
10.30 Arditti String Quartet. The first of seven programmes in which the quartet play their distinctive 20th century repertoir and talk to Michael Berkeley, who also introduces the music: Berg Quartet, Op 3; Dutilleux, Ainsi la nuit; Ligeti, Quartet No 2.
11.40 *Elgar, Serenade in E minor.* (LSO conducted by Sir Adrian Boult).
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer For The Day **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 Today, incl **7.00; 8.00** Today's News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel **8.25** The Weekdies **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway. Radio 4's travel and leisure programme.
10.00 News: Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests.
11.00 The Week in Westminster. A personal review of the Parliamentary week with Peter Riddell, Political Editor of the Financial Times.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad reported by BBC correspondents.
11.55 The Weekend on 4
12.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with listeners' questions about personal finance.
12.27 The News Quiz (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Dilys Powell's History of the British Cinema 8: The Free Cinema Movement. Dilys Powell continues her series into the *late 1950s when the free* cinema began (s)
2.30 The Afternoon Play (s) On The Black Hill, by Bruce Chatwin.
4.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
4.30 Science Now at the AAAS. Peter Evans reports from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
5.00 The Living World. The Land from the Bottom of the Sea.
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News; Sports round-up
6.25 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. Guests and entertaining conversation (s)
7.00 Saturday Night Theatre. The Chancer by Allan Prior (s)
8.15 *The Beachcomber.* A cautionary tale about Milton Keynes from Alex Ferguson.
8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (s)
9.30 Thriller! SS-GB by Len Deighton, abridged in 13 parts.
9.50 Ten to Ten. A reflection with the Rev Richard Harries (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 *The Saturday Feature.* I Bought a Castle. Film producer Steven Weeks bought Penhow Castle in Wales in 1973. Now, thanks to the flair and imagination of his restoration work, history comes alive in the castle for thousands of people every year. Paul Rickman is taken on an unusual guided tour.
10.45 Mixed Metaforder. Serious and not-so-serious poetry from the pen of Nigel Forde.
11.00 Big Jim and the Figaro Club. Six anarchic tales from demob days. 4: Up The Pole
11.30 Cliffhanger. Mystery and Imagination in It Didn't Happen in Guildford..
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. *OPTIONS* **4.00** *Inside Information.* The world of software technology 10: Yet Things to Come. **4.30** Franc-Parler. Conversation French programme **5.00** Deutsch Express! German course (9) **5.30** Por Aqui (19)

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **11.30am**, then at **2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Saville's Old Record Club. **2.30** Andy Kershaw **3.30** Pop of the Form **4.00** Charbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock. **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
Headlines **7.30am** Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02** **4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies For You (BBC Concert Orchestra) **11.00** Radio 2 all-time greats **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Black Magic **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox **7.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **7.30** Operetta Nights **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs From The Show with the BBC Radio Orchestra **10.45** Jonathan Cohen... at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Wavequide **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** The Pleasure's Yours **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Science in Action **9.45** The Music of Work **10.00** News **10.01** Short Story **10.15** Classical Record Review **10.30** Sunday Service **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** From our own Correspondent (until 11.30) **12.00** News **12.01** Play of the Week: Still Life **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News **1.30** Sports Roundup **1.45** The Sandi Jones Request Show including at **2.00** News **2.30** Jude the Obscure **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Concert Hall **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Safety in the Air **4.45** Letter From America **5.00** News **5.09** Reflections (until 5.15) **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours: News **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** News **9.01** Short Story **9.15** Commonwealth Day Programme **10.00** News **10.08** Hotel du Lac **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial Review **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** Not so Long Ago **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Religious Service **1.00** News **10.01** The European Community **1.45** Loved by the Gods **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Peebles' Choice **2.30** Science in Action **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** Good Books **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The Wind in the Willows (until 4.45) **5.45** Recording of the Week. **All times GMT.**

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Continental Drift
6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.05 Wake Up to Haydn. Symphony No 24, in D (Prague CO under Bernhard Klee); Sonata in B minor (Alfred Brendel, piano) and Symphony No 35 in B flat (Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati)
8.00 World Srrvice News
8.10 Primo e Secondo. Fifth of six programmes for four hands at one piano. Weber, Three Pieces, Op 60, Nos 2-4, Fritz Neumeyer and Rolf Jungnhanns; Hindemith Sonata; Schubert, Fantasia in F minor.
9.00 News
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Franck, Symphonic Variations (LPO under Sir Adrian Boult with Clifford Curzon, piano); Mozart, Quintet in C major (Amadeus String Quartet with Cecil Aronowitz, viola); Bellini, Son gelose del zefiro, and Strauss Oboe Concerto (Leon Goossens Philharmonia under Aleco Galliara.
10.30 Music Weekly. The Enchantress: Tchaikovsky's opera considered by David Brown; Peter Dickinson assesses the work of Henry Cowell; John Deathridge explores Anton Bruckner's musical origins.
11.15 Kun Woo Paik (piano). Poulenc Nocturnas: No 1, in C; No 5, in D minor; No 4, in C minor; No 6, in G; Fauré, Barcarolle No 7, in D minor; Messiaen, Regard de l'onction terrible.
12.15 From the Proms 86. Bruckner, Christus factus est; Virga Jesse (BBC singers conducted by John Poole); Bruckner Symphony No 5, in B flat (BBC Symphony Orchestra, leader Bela Dekany)
1.50 Musical Times Past. Fritz Spiegl delves into some of the lighter manifestations of music-making during the last century with extracts from contemporary newspapers and journals.
2.10 CBSO Wind Ensemble conducted by Simon Rattle perform Mozart Serenade, Stravinsky Symphonies and Grainger's A Lincolnshire Posy.
4.15 Sviatoslav Richter (piano). Archive recording from a recital given during the 1966 Aldeburgh Festival. Mozart Sonata in C, Tchaikovsky's The Seasons, and works by Rachmaninov, Scriabin and Prokofiev.
5.30 The Jesuits. The first of a new series of six documentaries by Lord Rawlinson about the political influence across the world of the Society of Jesus.
6.15 Il prigioniero. A prologue and an act based on La torture par l'espérance.
7.10 *Bliss.* Anna Massey reads a short story by the Austrian writer, Barbara Frischmuth.
7.30 Svetlanov and the Philharmonia, direct from the Royal Festival Hall, London. Part 1: Brahms Symphony No 3, in F.
8.10 *The Stagnant* Revolution. Two talks on the Chinese struggle to keep the past in proportion.
8.30 Svetlanov and the Philharmonia. Part 2: Shostakovich Piano Concerto No 2;Prokofiev Ballet: Romeo and Juliet (exerpts)
9.30 Music for Guitar, played by Jukka Savijoki: Sor Fantasia, Op 30; Giuliani Rossiniana No 1.
10.00 Sounds of Finland
11.20 Langham Chamber Orchestra, led by Christopher Hirons, plays J. C. Bach's The Periodical Overture No 1, in D, and Sinfonia in G *minor, Op 6, No6, and* Lennox Berkeley's Windsor variations.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Prelude. A selection of music (s)
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers
7.15 The Local Network. Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC local radio stations countrywide to discuss issues of common concern 'What's So Bloody Marvellous About the South?'
7.40 Sunday. Religious news and views from home and abroad. incl **7.55** Weather; Travel **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. Terry Wogan talks about work being done to help people with epilepsy. **8.55** Weather; Travel
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service from Torquay (s)
10.15 *The Archers. Omnibus* edition
11.15 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs. Johnny Mathis in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time
2.30 The Lord of the Rings 1: The Shadow of the Past (s)
3.30 Literary Walks. Fay Weldon takes Chnstopher Somerville on a walk through the heart of the Somerset countryside, the setting for two of her novels.
4.00 News; The Food Programme.
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Sutton Coldfield. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback.
6.30 Soundings. The moral and religious implications of current issues.
7.00 Martin Chuzzlewit, by *Charles Dickens* (5)
8.00 Bookshelf. Susan Hill talks to novelist Winston Graham.
8.30 An Infamous Address
8.45 The Resurrection of Christ. Six talks in Lent *with the Rev Richard* Harries. 1: Resurrection — Miracle or Moonshine?
9.00 News; Proof, by Dick Francis (4)
9.30 Law in Action.**9.55** Weather

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Arsenal get the luck in a three-pronged attack

By Clive White

The cry of "Lucky old Arsenal" may reverberate again around the grounds of their closest rivals today should Arsenal maintain their three-fold ambition of league, FA Cup and Littlewoods Cup.

Following two goals of dubious quality in the final eight minutes of their victorious Littlewoods Cup semi-final replay against Tottenham Hotspur in midweek, Chelsea, their opponents in the first division today, announced a list of injuries that would not be out of place during rush hour in the casualty department at nearby St Stephen's Hospital.

Both Dixon and Speedie, their unsettled striking duo, are both ruled out because of knee and hamstring injuries, respectively, and Hazard and Bumstead were both described as "very doubtful" by John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, because the usual aches and pains which afflict professional footballers. Nor does the medical bulletin end there. Niedzwiecki, Murphy, Wicks and Durie are also still troubled by injuries. All of which suggests that Arsenal's league aspirations may not be dulled here.

Arsenal's remaining league programme is easier than any of their rivals. Of those six away fixtures only two are against sides in the top half of the table and none higher than Wimbledon who are ninth. Against that they are involved in both cup competitions and their reserve strength seems woefully inadequate.

Yet with the transfer deadline fast approaching still George Graham, the manager, refuses to buy. Instead yesterday he recalled Paul Merson from on loan to Brentford as cover for the injured Nicholas. The 19-year-old Merson, a player highly regarded by David Pleat, Graham's defeated opposite number in midweek, is more a player for tomorrow than today.

Tottenham have to pick themselves up today at White Hart Lane against Queen's Park Rangers after the hugely disappointing defeat to Arsenal. They can console themselves with the thought a double still remains a possibility not to mention the chance of revenge against Arsenal should they cross paths in the FA Cup. To make matters worse that defeat on Wednesday brought Arsenal's tally in these local derbies to five wins in six.

Hodge, whose aptitude for goals was much missed in midweek, returns possibly at the expense of Claesen. With Hoddle still absent with a stomach muscle injury Tottenham can ill afford to omit Ardiles. The alternative would be to leave out Stevens, who deputised for Hoddle on Wednesday, but is still not working to maximum efficiency after a long injury.

Rangers should be at their strongest in several weeks with McDonald and Lee available again.

In another much devalued derby in Manchester, Barnes, formerly of United, has been omitted from the City team after failing to finish on the winning side in six visits. Old Trafford expect their lowest attendance for this game since the war.

First division leaders

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	29	18	7	6	53	23	61
Liverpool	29	16	7	6	52	28	55
Arsenal	28	15	9	4	42	16	54
Luton	29	14	8	7	34	28	50
Norwich	29	12	12	5	41	38	48
Tottenham	27	14	5	8	48	29	47
Notts F	29	13	8	8	50	35	47
Wimbledon	29	13	4	12	39	36	43
Coventry	29	12	7	10	33	33	43

Shadow over The Shay

By Martin Searby

Halifax Town, so long in the shadow of the liquidator, will know their fate on Monday night when Calderdale Council's policy and resources committee are expected to take the first steps in a move which could ultimately save the club.

Council officers will be given approval to launch a scheme which will take care of the club's £400,000 debts and ensure the development of The Shay as a "sports and community centre."

They will consult with Tony Richmond, the administrator appointed under the Insolvency Act, who will need to be satisfied that the club can be put back on an even keel by April 19, when his stewardship ends.

Halifax currently are unable to pay the wages and need a cash injection of £3,000 a week to stay alive, just one of a number of factors which the council must consider.

"We know the urgency of the situation," Gerry Norrie, a senior officer, said. "Once the members make the decision we are confident we can react quickly enough to be effective."

The club has received £10,000, 60 per cent from the construction company who hoped to take part in an aborted plan to build a supermarket, the rest from their own Development Fund and that should keep them going until the council come up with firm proposals.



Florida's fairest flower: Lloyd breezes past Mandlikova into tournament players' final

Davies is fit for Welsh duty

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Wales were happy to avoid any last-minute alarms before today's five nations championship match with England in Cardiff when Jonathan Davies, the Neath standoff half, passed a fitness test yesterday. Since his colleagues in the Welsh back division, John Devereux and Glen Webb, also proved their recovery from minor strains, Wales will play as selected.

Davies suffered a "dead leg" during Neath's cup game with Pontypool last weekend and has been receiving treatment all this week. During a lengthy work-out in Cardiff yesterday afternoon he satisfied the selectors that he would be able to resume his partnership with Robert Jones. Tony Gray, the Welsh coach, said: "We were always confident about him providing there was no reaction to training."

Five nations table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	35	24	4
Scotland	1	1	0	0	16	12	2
Ireland	2	1	0	1	29	16	2
Wales	1	0	0	1	9	16	0
England	2	0	0	2	15	36	0

REMAINING MATCHES: March 21: Ireland v France; Scotland v Wales. April 4: England v Scotland; Wales v Ireland.

In fact Devereux, the South Glamorgan Institute centre, had been the greater worry earlier in the week because of a pulled hamstring but his fitness had been established before yesterday's final training. So Roger Bidgood, the Pontypool centre, picked for his first cap in the postponed game against Ireland in January but discarded in favour of Devereux against France, must summon up extra reserves of patience.

During the workout Jeff Whitefoot, the Cardiff prop, missed his footing and was limping for a period but his place is not in doubt. Earlier in the day England completed their preparations with a gentle run at the Army Apprentices College near Chepstow when Richard Hill, their captain, emphasized his determination that his players should put all thought of England's dismal record at Cardiff over the last 24 years behind them.

Martin Green, the coach, said: "It's not the last 24 years that worry me. We have achieved a great deal in the last 24 days and if we can build on the performance against France and get rid of this habit we seem to have acquired of only doing well at home, I shall be happy."

Scotland's reservations about the fitness of John Rutherford, Roy Laidlaw and Alan Tomes were resolved before the squad left for Paris where they play France at Parc des Princes. Of the 56 matches played between the countries, each has won 27 and for the last 8 years the result has gone with home advantage. France, who lead the championship table, will be favoured to win again.

Coghlan changes role from a certainty to the fall-guy

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Indianapolis

Anything that can go wrong, does. They call it Murphy's Law – appropriately, for it concerned an Irishman here yesterday. But distressingly, Eamonn Coghlan, who was probably the strongest favourite to win a gold medal here, fell for the first time in his long indoor career, and failed to qualify for tomorrow's 1,500 metres final.

But the credibility of these World Indoor Championships almost went out of the canvas roof of the Hoosier Dome for over an hour after the incident, when Coghlan was reinstated to the final on the spurious grounds of "the essence of fairness." in the words of John Chaplin, the track referee.

It probably had something more to do with NBC Television's perception of indoor fame in the United States, and the contention of Ronnie Long, the Irish team manager, who appealed that, "the quality of the first championships will be improved by his presence." Doubtless. But after a counter-appeal by the Spanish, Italian, and Netherlands team managers, sanity prevailed and Coghlan was duly eliminated.

It was the second race of the day. Coghlan, aged 34 and close to the best indoor form of his life after a world-best 2,000m of 4min 54.07sec in Los Angeles two weeks ago, lingered out of trouble at the back of the pack of 10 for the first 800 metres. With less than three laps left of the 200-metre-long track, he made his move through to the third and final automatic qualifying position.

But shortly afterwards his right foot, kicking back, caught the leg of Dieter Baumann, and Coghlan went down. He virtually rolled over and was up immediately, but in eighth place. He said afterwards: "I told myself not to panic. If you catch them, you qualify. If you don't, you panic."

He caught them a little too quickly for such an experienced runner. Despite straining around the last lap – not surprisingly, since the final 400 metres were run in a little over 54 seconds – Coghlan was in third place until 10 metres from the line, when he made his ultimate mistake and slackened, admitting afterwards that he felt he had qualified. But he was caught on the line, both by Baumann and Dave Campbell, the Commonwealth bronze medallist from Canada.

Since the second heat was slower, Coghlan, in fifth place, failed to qualify as a fastest loser. But it was not long before he was assured by Ollan Cassell, the secretary of the American Federation, that he would be included under the provision for a 10, rather than a nine-man final.

It took the International Amateur Athletics Federation jury to read the riot act to American officials and television that this a championships and not an invitation meeting. And Coghlan, who ironically has never fallen in years of running the tight 160-yard American board tracks, was down and out.

Out too was Mike McFarlane, after the heats of the 60m, but Elliott Bunney got through. Other qualifiers were Paul Harmsworth, in the 400m, Dalton Grant, in the high jump, and Wendy Hoyte in the women's 60m.

● Liz Lynch has her last race before the World Cross-Country Championships when she runs in the Florida Derby Festival 10km road-race in Miami tomorrow morning. The Scot, whose performances in the last three months have made her one of the favourites to take the title which Zola Budd has won for the last two years, feels that the Miami race is a relatively soft option two weeks before the championships in Warsaw.

Phipps is back to his best

From Chris Moore
Calgary

Nick Phipps was back in business yesterday on the eve of the final World Cup race of the season. Since finishing sixth in both the two and four-man events at the world championships in St Moritz in January, the British champion has struggled to find his best form.

But he provided a timely reminder that he is still to be reckoned with by clocking the second fastest time on the fifth practice run for this weekend's four-man event on the new Olympic track in Calgary.

"That's given us the boost we were looking for," Phipps said after his Allied Steel crew of Bob Thorne, Keith Power and Alan Cearns had also recorded two of the fastest start times so far.

"The problem we have had over the last month, apart from injuries and mechanical trouble, is that our season was always geared for us to peak at the world championships, which is what we did.

"We haven't had a break for six weeks since then and are all feeling the effects. But this is the last race of the season and we are looking to end on a high note," Phipps added.

But, as always, Wolfgang Hoppe, of East Germany, starts a firm favourite today.

Noah's shoulder feels strain of punishing programme

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne, Florida

Four men were standing by in readiness to replace Yannick Noah, the Daley Thompson of tennis, in the Lipton tournament players' championships on this windswept island. Everything depended on whether Noah's injured shoulder came through a late fitness test. If it did, he would play Miloslav Mecir in a singles semi-final. If not, the men's doubles final would be played a day early in order to fill the gap in the programme.

The doubles has boiled down to Paul Annacone and Christo van Rensburg versus Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, who had a walkover into the final when Noah and Guy Forget scratched. Noah also retired from the mixed event. He took on too much or, to put it another way, did not win his matches fast enough. Noah did the damage by playing 23 sets in five singles matches and also played twelve sets of doubles. Superb athlete though he is, that workload was more than his shoulder could take.

Today's women's singles final will be between Steffi Graf and Chris Lloyd, who are primarily baseliners. That was important in their semi-finals against opponents who like to reach the net. It was a windy day and this inhibited the service toss and demanded the utmost watchfulness when hitting volleys or smashes. Miss Graf, aged 17, beat Martina Navratilova 6-3, 6-2 in 57 minutes and Mrs Lloyd beat Hana Mandlikova 7-5, 6-0 in an hour and 21 minutes.

Miss Navratilova has been around for so long that there was no excuse for the naive way she reacted to the wind. She was technically inflexible and, far too often, simply did not watch the ball properly. Her poor form arose from a well-founded apprehension and tentativeness in almost everything she did.

Miss Graf had the higher percentage of first services and repeatedly teased Miss Navratilova with chipped backhands to the left-hander's forehand. That was irksome for Miss Navratilova, who likes to charge the net behind her own chipped backhand. The short and simple truth is that Miss Navratilova was outplayed, though not as decisively as the score suggests. Miss Graf has won two of their last four matches and had three match points in one of the others. Miss Navratilova and Mrs Lloyd no longer feel secure at the top.

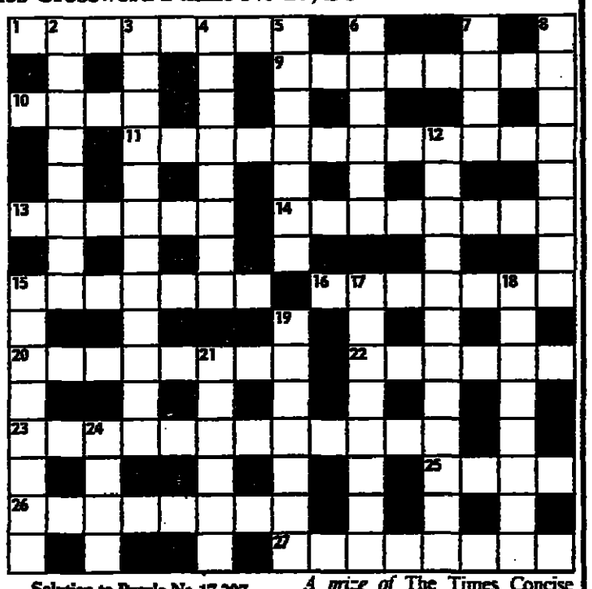
Mrs Lloyd has spent her life on the coast of Florida and her attitude to wind is much the same as an eskimo's attitude to ice. Even so, she is playing remarkably well considering that since a bad knee put her out of action, this is only her second tournament since September. Her lobs and passing shots were particularly good against the erratic Miss Mandlikova, who had a break point for a 5-3 lead, but played the rest of the match as if fed up with the wind and resigned to defeat. "I have played ten weeks in a row," Miss Mandlikova said later. "I need some time off."

"The wind favours baseliners," Mrs Lloyd confessed. "It's tough to hit overheads and volleys when it's swirling. I sensed that Hana was rattled by the conditions. She missed a couple of shots that would have been winners if there was no wind."

As winters go, Key Biscayne's is tolerable: certainly by the standards of Northern Europe. The wind just happens to be a constant, teasing feature of a young tournament that has an exciting future.

RESULTS: Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Graf (WG) bt M Navratilova (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Lloyd (US) bt H Mandlikova (Cz), 7-5, 6-0. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: P Annacone (US) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt A Gomez (Ec) and S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,298



ACROSS

1 Order DUKW originally for amphibious troops (8).
9 Cultivate a girl first, using some craft (8).
10 King Edward (4).
11 Uncouth fellow needs cutting down to size (5,7).
13 When mixing emulsion, see it doesn't get on foodstuffs (6).
14 Coloured, like Hazel (3-5).
15 Walking pace for this passage as well as mountain climbing (7).
16 Agent with opening for Judas (7).
20 Protective coloration for relief workers (3,5).
22 Religious music I love is not on the loud speaker (6).
23 Proper search made for tenant farmer in US (5-7).
25 Pine prickle (4).
26 Study of movement of cattle with the twitches (8).
27 See at last the true light (8).

DOWN

2 Capsize vessel, going under in full view (8).
3 Perhaps scorn married man who cuts a folksy figure (6,6).
4 He barely appears in the new arts unit (8).
5 Not prepared to side with worker (7).
6 A bit of Utopia – or is that a sign of the past? (6).
7 Saintly man – and a luminary (4).
8 Steps taken by feathered bird (3,5).
12 The war god with horse and hound is something of a hawk (5-7).
15 Social activity for those going rapidly downhill (5-3).
17 Bear repeated ridicule (4-4).
18 A docile and a perhaps indifferent people lived here (8).
19 Take sweetheart to wife (7).
21 Soldiers told off for bloomer (6).
24 One spot filled with new red pimples (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,297



Solution to Puzzle No 17,292



A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

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WEATHER

Low pressure will make little further progress eastwards. Much of Scotland, W parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will have rain, sleet or snow, some heavy. Some areas will end the day dry, with broken cloud. Central and E parts will be cold with some sleet or snow dying out. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: W areas will start cloudy with some rain or snow. Bright weather will spread from E.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.4	-	4	39	cloudy
Bridlington		-	5	41	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	-	2	36	drizzle
Southend	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Margate	-	-	4	39	dull
Folkestone	-	-	5	41	dull
Hastings	0.9	-	6	43	cloudy
Brighton	1.1	-	6	43	bright
Littlehampton	1.2	-	8	46	bright
Bognor R	0.6	-	7	45	cloudy
Sandown	-	-			
Shanklin	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Bournemth	0.7	-	7	46	cloudy
Swanage	0.6	-	8	46	cloudy
Weymouth	3.3	-	9	48	bright
Teignmouth	-	-			
Falmouth	-	-	9	48	sunny
Penzance	7.8	-	11	52	sunny
Jersey	7.7	-	9	48	sunny
Newquay	6.7	-	11	52	sunny
Ilfracombe	-	-	11	52	sunny
B'pool Airpt	-	-			
Douglas	-	.11	6	41	shower
Carlisle	-	.18	5	41	rain
London	1.8	.02	8	46	rain
Manchester	-	.09	5	41	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	.02	6	43	rain
Anglesey	0.7	.01	8	46	snow
Colwyn Bay	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.08	5	41	rain
Edinburgh	-	.13	5	41	rain
Glasgow	-	.15	5	41	rain
Kinloss	-	.01	7	45	rain
Lerwick	0.1	.02	5	41	shower
Prestwick	-	.19	5	41	rain
Stornoway	-	.35	7	45	rain
Tiree	-	.13	7	45	rain
Wick	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Belfast	-	.01	9	48	cloudy

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	r	7	45	Malta	f	11	52
Akrotiri	f	12	54	Mexico C'	c	8	46
Alex'dria	f	16	61	Miami*	f	24	75
Amst'dam	f	2	36	Milan	f	3	37
Athens	sn	1	34	Moscow	c	-1	30
Bahrain	s	24	75	Munich	s	-4	25
Barcelona	c	10	50	Naples	s	4	39
Belgrade	s	-5	23	N Delhi	f	27	81
Berlin	f	-4	25	Nice	r	5	41
Bermuda*	s	20	68	Oslo	s	-7	19
Borde'x	s	14	57	Paris	s	4	39
Brussels	s	3	37	Perth	s	27	81
Budapst	s	-4	25	Prague	f	-5	23
B Aires*	s	28	84	Reykjvk	c	3	37
Cairo	f	16	64	Rhodes	s	15	59
C'blanca	s	19	66	Rio de J	s	28	82
Ch'church	f	15	59	Riyadh			
Cologne	s	3	37	Rome	s	6	43
Corfu	s	6	43	Salzburg	s	-5	23
Dublin	r	7	45	S F'isco*	r	13	55
Dubrovnik	s	11	52	Santiago*	s	0	32
Florence	f	4	39	S Paulo*	f	31	88
Frankfurt	s	2	36	Seoul	s	4	39
Funchal	s	20	68	Sing'por	f	29	84
Geneva	s	0	32	St'kholm	f	-8	21
Helsinki	s	-10	14	Strasb'rg	s	1	34
Hong K	c	23	73	Sydney	f	23	73
Istanbul	f	-4	25	Tangier	s	20	68
Jo'burg*	s	27	81	Tel aviv	f	16	59
La Toquet	f	5	41	Tenerife	s	25	77
Lisbon	c	17	63	Tokyo	s	19	64
L Angels*	c	17	63	Toronto*	f	1	34
Luxemb'g	s	0	32	Tunis	c	12	54
Madrid	s	15	61	Valencia	f	15	59
Malaga	s	19	66	Vanc'ver	r	12	54

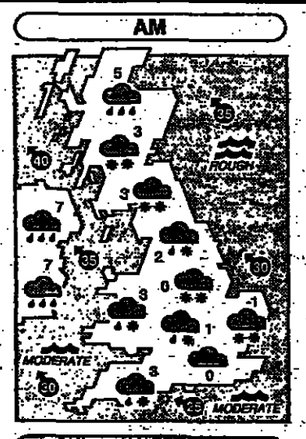
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High Tides

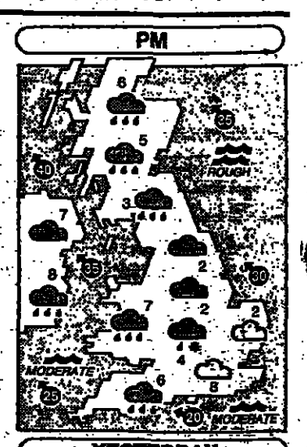
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Aberdeen	5.56	3.3	6.24	3.2	Aberdeen	6.57	3.1	7.44	3.0
Avonmouth	11.36	10.7	11.45	10.3	Avonmouth	--	--	12.22	9.7
Belfast	3.53	3.0	4.24	2.9	Belfast	4.51	2.8	5.39	2.7
Cardiff	11.21	10.0	11.31	9.8	Cardiff	--	--	12.07	9.1
Devonport	9.53	4.5	10.24	4.4	Devonport	10.52	4.2	11.37	4.2
Dover	3.28	5.7	4.02	5.3	Dover	4.26	5.2	5.20	4.5
Falmouth	9.23	4.3	9.54	4.2	Falmouth	10.22	4.0	11.07	4.0
Glasgow	5.02	4.8	5.41	4.2	Glasgow	5.45	4.3	6.39	4.0
Harwich	4.09	3.4	4.34	3.2	Harwich	4.57	3.1	5.25	2.9
Holyhead	2.46	4.5	3.17	4.3	Holyhead	3.45	4.2	4.33	4.0
Hull	10.48	6.0	11.18	5.9	Hull	11.40	5.6	--	--
Ilfracombe	10.23	7.0	10.37	6.7	Ilfracombe	11.16	6.3	11.51	6.2
Leith	7.29	4.4	7.51	4.4	Leith	8.23	4.2	8.58	4.2
Liverpool	3.31	7.5	4.02	7.4	Liverpool	4.26	7.0	5.09	6.7
Lowestoft	1.58	2.2	2.40	1.9	Lowestoft	3.04	2.0	3.46	1.9
Margate	4.23	4.2	4.52	3.9	Margate	5.22	3.9	5.56	3.7
Milford Haven	10.45	5.4	11.04	5.2	Milford Haven	11.38	4.9	--	--
Newquay	6.42	5.5	10.02	5.3	Newquay	10.38	5.0	11.15	4.9
Oban	10.10	2.9	10.05	2.9	Oban	11.49	2.7	--	--
Penzance	9.04	4.5	9.38	4.4	Penzance	10.07	4.2	10.55	4.2
Portland	10.39	1.4	10.41	1.4	Portland	10.53	1.2	11.09	1.3
Portsmouth	3.52	4.1	4.25	3.8	Portsmouth	4.47	3.7	5.39	3.5
Shoreham	3.17	5.1	3.50	4.8	Shoreham	4.13	4.6	5.02	4.4
Southampton	3.28	3.8	3.56	3.6	Southampton	4.21	3.5	5.05	3.4
Swansea	10.51	7.7	11.09	7.4	Swansea	11.47	7.0	--	--
Tees	8.33	4.2	8.57	4.3	Tees	9.38	4.0	10.13	4.0
W'ton-on-Nze	4.07	3.7	4.33	3.4	W'ton-on-Nze	4.59	3.4	5.27	3.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.21 pm to 6.02 am
Bristol 6.30 pm to 6.12 am
Edinburgh 8.29 pm to 8.16 am
Manchester 6.27 pm to 6.12 am
Penzance 6.43 pm to 6.22 am

TOMORROW
London 6.22 pm to 6.00 am
Bristol 6.32 pm to 6.09 am
Edinburgh 8.31 pm to 8.15 am
Manchester 6.29 pm to 6.10 am
Penzance 6.45 pm to 6.20 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	d	7	45	Guernsey	s	6	41
B'mgham	sn	2	36	Inverness	c	7	45
Blackpool	r	4	39	Jersey	f	8	46
Bristol	c	6	43	London	r	5	41
Cardiff	r	5	41	M'chester	c	3	37
Edinburgh	r	4	39	Newcastle	sn	1	34
Glasgow	r	5	41	N'ekleway	r	6	43

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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainments and the arts

Kicking out the kitsch in sink

Fashions in kitchen style are moving as fast as hemlines, as next week's Ideal Home Exhibition will reveal. Bryan Appleyard charts a new mood

Kitchen style is on the turn again. Bavarian baroque with its heavy wooden mouldings has died. Rustic romances have been consigned to the waste disposal unit of history. Even sleek polyester is no longer a power in the land. The kitchen has become a machine for cooking in.

Large, inverted stainless steel funnels are sprouting above increasingly elaborate hobs. Steel rods descend from the ceiling to support mid-air trays, hooks or rails from which are suspended radish flowerers, cleavers and woks in careless but functional profusion.

Kitchens are becoming kitchens again. The trick now is to flaunt your foody know-how, insolently rejecting the standards of so-called good design and all such impedimenta. It is a fashion which, on recent form, should have about 10 years of life in it. By then it will be being sold by door-to-door salesmen. But in the style-centres of Cologne, Knightsbridge or Milan they will have long since moved on to the next phase.

That's the way it is in the kitchen game. In the past 50 years that room has become the focus of more consumer and marketing interest than any other. Once the houseproud showed you the treasures of their parlour; now they flaunt the wonders of their kitchen.

It all began with the Nazis. In Germany before the war they worked on plans covering every aspect of the perfect domestic life. They wanted Aryan warriors on the front line and good women at home. But they wanted technology for both and the idea of the fitted kitchen was born.

The kitchen was to be the *hausfrau's* personal lab. It is an ideal still alive in the hearts of kitchen planners. The U-shaped, enfolding, womb-like kitchen remains the most popular, with its implication that it is for one person at a time — mother — while the rest of the family waits outside. A womb with a queue.

During the war the German sense that kitchen design was somehow linked to national destiny was taken up by the British. They too had become keen on the idea of building a better world. An austere publication put out by the Ascot water heater company in 1943 pointed out that a generation of women had seen the benefits of industrial design in wartime factories and would now want the same at home.

But the public was not ready. Then at the Festival of Britain in 1951 "modular concept" kitchens were displayed. They were, however, still architectural ideas rather than realizable schemes for the average home. And it was not to be until 1957 that the furniture company Wrighton employed Nigel Walters, one of the Festival kitchen designers, to design a range of fitted units.

Walters came up with a slick, modernist look using a polyester surface and the market began to take off. Through the Sixties the smooth laminated plastic look dominated the market while the units themselves steadily increased in sophistication. It was a time when the uncompromisingly modern was a popular ideal — kitchens were to be tidy, uncluttered, a world away from the mess of the past.

But, as usual, British bright ideas were about to be undermined by foreign competition. In the early Seventies, Walters warned Wrighton of a massive impending change in the market. The Germans, originators of the concept, were coming.

By 1973 Bavarian baroque had swept the land. Manufacturers like Siematic and Poggenpohl started carving out great chunks of the British market with wood-finish kitchen decorated with gigantic mouldings and even dinky little balustrades to stop the pans falling off the shelves.

The public lapped it up. Kitchens had gone the way of building and turned against the modern and the urban. Now everything was to be ornate and countrified. Or, more to the point, varied. The austere consensus of good design was to be replaced by a distinctly fun-loving, indulgent climate. "The kitchen emerged long ago from the murky depths of the captive cook's cell," wrote *Homes and Gardens* in 1973, "to become — well, almost anything you could want it to be."

But it was not just a question of style. The Germans had improved the technology with internal hinges for the doors, which allowed them to be adjusted, and more comprehensive opportunities for building-in appliances.

In retrospect it can be seen that the German trick was to spot the change in the climate. Having assimilated the idea of a fitted kitchen, by the Seventies people were looking for more than the mute expression of clean function. They wanted a "look" — something cottagey, luxurious or whatever.

Innovation has now moved to the area of gadgetry with more specialized cupboards, shelves and drawers. Appliances are not only built-in, they are also fitted with doors to match the rest of the cupboards — fridge-freezers, dishwashers and ovens are rapidly disappearing into the décor.

And the whole science of fitting has become unbelievably complex, with a vast range of fillers, pelmets and cornices designed to make your kitchen as fitted as possible. A sub-industry of specialist fitters has sprung up to service the manufacturers. Only a few dissidents now seriously doubt that kitchens have to be fitted — the whole thing is bought in one go, appliances and all. And you have to make sure your Zanussi fridge-freezer will take your Poggenpohl doors.

At Harrods the average package now sells at £8,000 and the most expensive at around £25,000. With this sort of outlay kitchen planners have become a priesthood ministering to the second biggest spending decision for the average family after the house.

Stylistically everything is now available. Both cheap and expensive kitchens are offered in styles from super-cottagey with leaded lights on the front of cupboards to smooth, clinical whiteness.

And overall the key marketing battle has been won. The kitchen is now perceived as the centre of the home and people feel able to spend accordingly. The U-shaped womb fights it out with the more feminist straight-line which implies that everybody mucks in together.

An industry this big, however, cannot just sit back. More objects have to be sold into the home. But now that 94 per cent of the population have a fridge, 55 per cent a freezer and 80 per cent a washing machine, it is difficult to know where to go. And over-the-top American innovations like built-in barbecues or trash-compactors evoke giggles from the perennially enthusiastic kitchen planners.

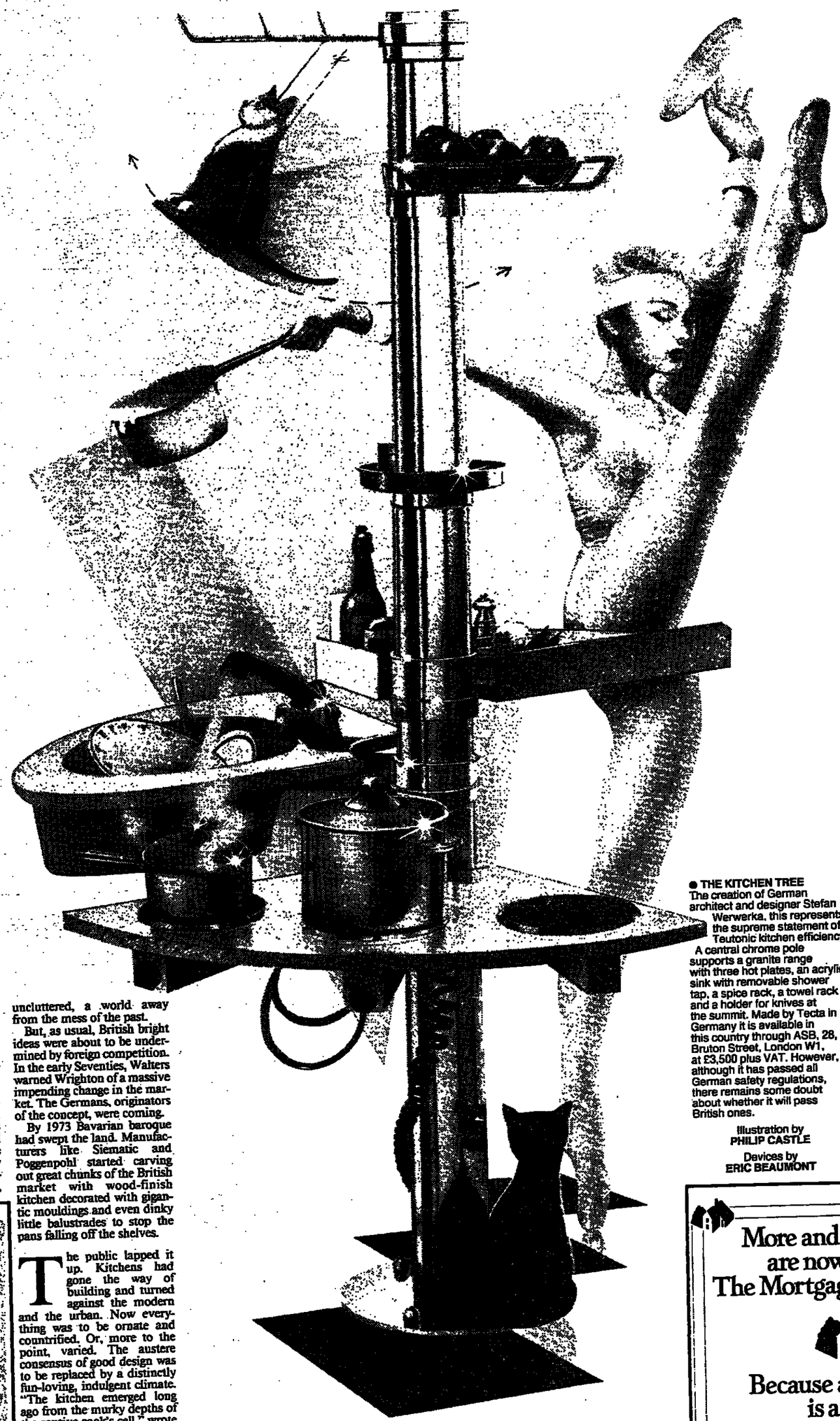
So there has to be another stylistic wave and this is what has now been glimpsed at key furniture fairs. All kitchens from the most grotesque Bavarian to the sleekest modern have been intended to hide things away — to find ways of concealing or disposing of the mere mess of cookery. But now, in the words of one Italian design magazine, "what will die is a system that hides food and creates a bleak room like a laboratory. In its place would be created a kitchen in which to rediscover lost household rituals, where objects can once again express their individuality."

In other words the fitted movement may have run its course. The brute technology will become bigger, more aggressive. Gaggenau stainless steel ranges will warm the ratatouille while giant ducts remove the fumes. The professional look will tell the world that you are too serious about food to bother toning down the impact of the technology.

The fitted kitchen industry has two rivals. The first is the heretical idea of the unfitted kitchen. This has arisen partly because people who move often have realized that you may lose a large part of your kitchen investment every time you change house. The firm of Lewis and Horning has even produced a range called Chattels to emphasize that their kitchens move with you. And John Lewis of Hungerford makes kitchen furniture that could go anywhere in the house. The awesome implication of this trend is that the kitchen may once again become just another room.

The second enemy is minimalism — a kitchen with just an American fridge, cooker, old sink and table has been designed by avant-garde architect Will Alsop. It turns its back on 50 years of kitchen hype and leaves us wondering what we did when we weren't preparing, cooking or eating food. And the answer is that we can't remember.

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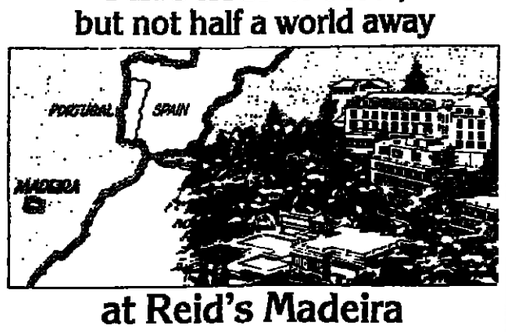
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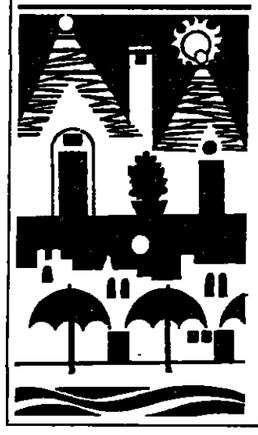
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TRAVEL 1

Gardens of Eden

Francesca Greenoak explores the Italian Riviera's surprising horticultural delights

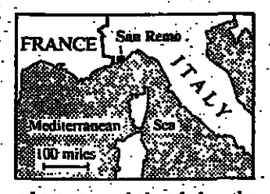
San Remo, *la città dei fiori*, is exceptional among Italian cities in having so many fine public gardens. Exploring all eight of them takes you the length and breadth of the town, from the affluent promenade to the bustling city centre where opportunistic pigeons bathe in the fountains and restaurants display freshly caught local fish.

In the ancient city, women with worn faces fill the church while children play football outside in the ruinous piazza. I saw an old lady emptying a plastic carrier bag of pasta for a swarm of hungry cats. The climate here is always springlike. Cold winds from the north are blocked by the mountains behind the city, and even in winter temperatures rarely fall below 11°C. Plant life is unstoppable on the Italian Riviera. Tree dahlias glamorize the roads, walls are all priestly purple with bougainvillaea, every tiny yard overflows with flowers, and little lizards nip up and down the palm tree tunks, or laze among the blue and pink flowers of morning glory.

I had mades San Remo my base for exploring this gardeners' dream, for there are beautiful gardens all along this coastline. But paradoxically it is not the elegant formal Italian gardens which draw the most attention, but the wonderfully extravagant garden of a 19th-century English businessman, Sir Thomas Hanbury. Situated on the promontory at La Mortola, it is a magical place where strong structure and design is everywhere overwhelmed by the luxuriance of an unbelievable range of plants.



Seascape with flowers: La Mortola palace and gardens



Stand at the heavy Victorian portals and your view is telescoped through velvety dark Italian cypresses, taking your eye over a canopy of foliage textures and colours dipping to the sea sparkling below. Serpentine paths drop in shallow zig-zags down plant-filled terraces. There are pools and pergolas, warm drifts of colour and scent, with butterflies and hawkmoths haunting the blooms, and the song of birds (unusual in Italy). It can be hours later that you walk through the fruit grove by persimmons and beautiful pomegranate trees and reach the cactus garden at the lowest level, where you can hear and see the splash of the sea on the rocks.

Sir Thomas (best known for his generous gift of the Wisley grounds to the RHS) bought the faded Palazzo Orengo in 1867, creating a great garden around it out of 112 acres of rough ground and olive grove plunging 300 feet to the sea. The gentle climate of La Mortola opened vast possibilities for experimenting with plants never before grown in Europe; under the supervision of Sir Cecil Hanbury, who developed his father's work, the number of species reached an astonishing 6,300.

Sir Cecil's widow left La Mortola to the University of Genoa, and although it is kept trim by a band of Italian gardeners, bureaucratic inertia has prevented development or replacement of tender plants lost over the years. But the garden in dignified decline has its own slightly blowsy charm – perhaps more seductive for the casual spectator than the perfection of its prime.

Magic of Italy – whose staff admit to having fallen under the spell of La Mortola – offers a four-night holiday based at San Remo with Michael Lear (who spent a year cataloguing the plants of La Mortola) acting as guide to the Hanbury garden, the famous cliff garden in Monaco and several others. The holiday, called Gardeners Delight, costs from £294. Magic of Italy, 47 Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 8PS (01-743 9900). **Departure dates listed in the current brochure are already fully booked and the company has laid on an additional tour exclusively for Times readers departing on March 22, returning on March 26.**

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TRAVEL NEWS

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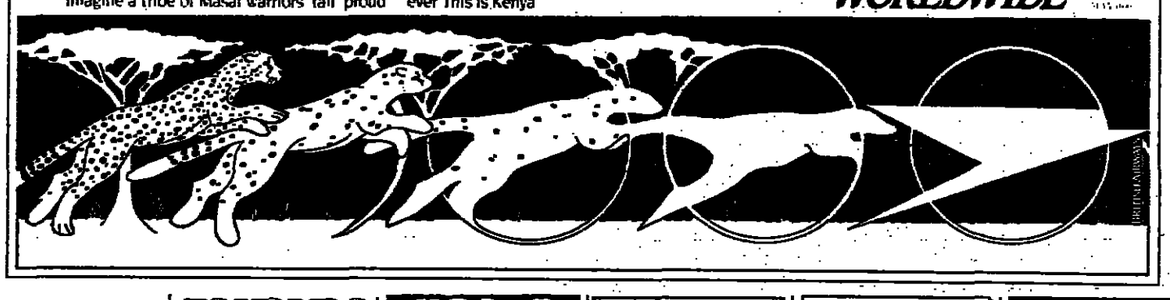
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TRAVEL 2

Art behind the curtain

Sarah Jane Checkland peeps at the real Russia with the other 'harmless cranks' on her deluxe tour

Even before we touched down, the BA steward was grumbling about Russia. "We need visas simply to land, and even then we're not allowed off the plane. Rather you than me." The three-hour wait in customs seemed to confirm the idiocy of spending a holiday behind the Iron Curtain, especially when we witnessed an old codger being forced to peel off layer upon layer of clothing until an arsenal of ball-point pens and chewing gum had been unearthed.

But, at the same time, chinks were evident in this nation's armour. For all the paraphernalia of military uniforms and angled mirrors, the passport inspectors had the innocent, innocuous look of country boys doing their national service. The 45-minute wait between body and luggage scans gave ample time for any transfer of unauthorized books or weapons from bag to person. As our tatty bus trundled into Moscow, we found the Red carpet treatment not unwelcome.

The Russian approach to foreigners involves an alternation of thin-lipped intransigence (as when they refuse to let you inside churches) and heart-lifting warmth (when elderly women fold you affectionately in their arms). Our group of 12 had a specific interest in medieval Russia, so we had the advantage of being categorized as harmless cranks. When our leader, icon dealer and specialist Richard Temple, effused about the spirituality of a particular work, or when our Canadian Russian Orthodox deacon began trying out the acoustics in a desanctified church, the guides tolerated their antics with a smile.

Another advantage was simply that our specialist itinerary — Moscow, Pskov, Leningrad, Novgorod, Vladimir and Suzdal — took us along far more colourful tracks than a regular tour, with its unleavened diet of city tours and visits to Parks of Economic Achievements.

Even so, we were still cocooned from reality. It is difficult to appreciate the drudgery in queuing for transport and food as you pass by in the comfort of your coach. We travelled deluxe which, for an additional £150 for two weeks, was essential if we were to get reasonable food and service.

Our first Moscow hotel, the National, was built at the turn of the century, and its vast art nouveau bedroom suites — with mock-French empire furniture — were reminiscent of some 1930s Hollywood movie.

But outside were visions of the Sixties: back-combed, but somewhat faded Brigitte Bardot lookalikes, filing their nails in time to tinny pop music. Downstairs, the bar had the clandestine atmosphere of the speakeasy, with the chance of conversation with Russian tarts (paid in the form of groceries).

Our first venture out next morning was to the symbolic centre of Russia, both past and present: the Kremlin. Once inside the massive gates, the message was loud and clear and anything but homely. This is power architecture, from the high, crenellated walls to the largest drain pipes I have ever seen. In the armoury chamber, recently reopened after five years of refurbishment, we saw church vestments woven in gold with pearls, Ivan the Terrible's crown, armour for the horses — which included rams horns for the head, three-foot tassels for the neck and jewel-encrusted stirrups the size of coal-scuttles.

Most memorable of all was the silver throne of Peter the Great, with room for him and his half-wit brother (or God's Fool, as such people were called) and a hole through which the real boss, sister Sophia, could speak.

The tour continued around the Kremlin cathedrals. There are no fewer than nine of them, built mainly for the use of the tsars. We saw the three largest, all of which face dramatically on to a large square, their gold domes accentuated by the grey sky. It was strange to wander within such spiritual ostentation (iconostases and wall paintings up to the roof) and to sense the hollowness which results from desanctification by the state. As our Canadian deacon said: "It's like arriving in the house of an old friend, to find he has departed."

We did see some churches still in use, however. The first was on a daytrip to Zagorsk monastery, outside Moscow. It originated around the home of St Sergius, the 14th-century monk who became one of Russia's favourite saints. Here, in a breathtaking complex of churches and belfries in various styles from austere 15th century to ludicrously lavish 18th, we put on headscarves to join the congregations and watched pilgrims waiting in line to kiss the glass-fronted tomb of St Sergius himself.

As we emerged from incense, candles and chanting we were surprised to see a British bishop in familiar purple robes conversing with the monks in their high black hats.

This was also our first sustained sight of indigenous icons. Here, in the monastery museum, we learned of the difference between the pragmatic Soviet approach, which considers icons all the more interesting the more narrative detail they contain, and the view of our guide who believed that detail is mere indulgence on the part of the holy men who painted them, to be condemned.

Gradually we learned the history of the Russian orthodox church — how, after the fall of Constantinople in 1453, Moscow regarded itself as the third Rome, and as a result produced some of its most powerful art.

While travelling and studying, we also accumulated some unforgettable images of Russia today. In the Kremlin at Pskov, while we stood listening to a history of Ivan the Terrible's interest in this rich place, what we were really straining to hear were the real-life shrieks and groans of gypsies, attending the funeral of their leader in the church.

In Perchersky monastery, right in the heart of the countryside near Pskov, we saw the predictable sights of Holy Well and monastic buildings. But we also glimpsed a present-day "God's Fool", wearing a Robin Hood hat and skipping along merrily, swinging what looked like conkers on the end of strings.

However, our fate inevitably was to remain separate from the people. Towns close down in the evenings, so there is no chance to mingle. Although we were given as much free time as we wanted, apart from occasional browses in places like the extraordinary Gum State Department store on Red Square, we remained reluctantly in the hands of Intourist.

We got closest to what felt like real Russia at our final destination, Suzdal. Set in meadows, it is a medieval town intact, with hundreds of churches and monasteries. Here, the quality of food reached its peak in a converted monastery we stayed in, with rough cheesecake, sour cream and bilberry jam for breakfast. And in a long walk through the town at dusk, the sense of beauty and history became overwhelming. That night, three of us got lost and went to the wrong monastery. Going through the gates into the courtyard and seeing no tourist chalets there, it was as though we had finally arrived at our destination: Russia's past.

Judy Froshaug

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Power past and present: the minarets of Red Square (above left), queuing to buy jeans in Gum (above right), Lenin's tomb (below left) and a gold icon in the Cathedral of the Archangel (below right)





TRAVEL NOTES

Forthcoming tours to Russia with a medieval interest: The Temple Gallery, 4 Yeomans Row, London SW1 (01-589 6622), two-week tour as above planned for autumn 1987, price approx £1,200. Sotheby's, 35 New Bond St, London W1 (01-493 8080), 10 days planned for spring '87: Moscow, Leningrad, Pskov, Novgorod, price approx £1,000. Serenissima, 21 Dorset Sq, London NW1 (01-730 9841), 10 days from June 7 and Sept 13 1987: "The Golden Circle" of Moscow, Zagorsk, Rostov, Suzdal, £895 (plus single room supplement £205). Swan Hellenic, 237 Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-831 1616), 16 days May '87, Moscow, Leningrad, £1,265.

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IN THE GARDEN

Clare Roberts



First cousin: the oxslip Primula elatior with its small flowers

A primrose twice blessed

A Suffolk friend used to give me a bunch of primroses at Christmas, even sending them by post when I moved to London. I thought at first that these blooms were unnaturally early but I now have some of that stock growing in my own garden, saved by my friend from the bulldozer. After five years the plants are well established, and this year I too had blooms in December. They vanished under the snow and reappeared this week, still with the short stems characteristic of early season flowers.

While one welcomes the outriders, it is the generous flush of flowers about Easter time which most rejoices the heart. Primrose flowers, the palest of yellows, their petals so delicate rainstorms wash them into translucence, rise from a plant which is a great survivor, hardy through the fiercest winters. I would never plant any coloured polyanthus in semi-natural woodland conditions: they are gaudy and clashing where there should be harmony. To capture those first pulsings of spring, nothing but the native primrose will do.

The other natural woodland primula of exquisite beauty is the primrose's close cousin, the oxslip *Primula elatior.* Its flowers are like those of the primrose but they are smaller and hang several on one stem, all looking the same way. Sometimes oxslips are sold with primroses with instructions to plant them together. It is true that they like the same conditions, rich soil and partial shade, but if planted side-by-side they hybridize furiously. After a crop of interesting crosses over the first few years, you may well find only primroses left.

Double primroses retain the delicacy of the native plant, unlike the brash, floury-petalled, large-flowered polyanthus type. In the past, double primroses were occasionally found in woodland and brought into cultivation, and wonders are still to be found in the forest. Only a few years ago a forester in some Welsh woods found a pretty double primrose of pale creamy pink, which eventually found its way to Adrian Bloom at the Bressingham Gardens nursery. He managed to increase it and brought it to the public in 1984 under the variety name Sue Jervis.

It is possible to buy several named varieties of double primrose, but it is wise not to act on impulse because they should be planted with care. They are too pretty to hide away or to risk losing. Double primroses need a rich, moist soil with plenty of humus in it, and very much prefer an organic fertilizer such as blood, fish and bone. I speak from bitter experience in saying they will not tolerate sun or harsh wind. Plant several "cheek-by-jowl" and deadhead immediately after they have flowered, when they should be fed up with a fine mixture of well-rotted manure and peat (with added grit to deter slugs). The plants should then put on good growth and be ready for dividing up into several plantlets which, if tenderly treated, should flower the following year. As the plants are expensive to buy, this is a useful and frugal skill. (Send SAE to Brenda Hyatt, 1 Toddington Crescent, Bluebell Hill, near Chatham, Kent ME5 9QT, for her list of primrose cultivars).

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- Check all pot plants — in greenhouse or on windowsills — for aphids. Spray with soft soap, or derris if you need something stronger.
- Mow lawns if grass is growing except in very wet weather. Keep the blades set high.
- Keep your greenhouse well aired in mild and muggy weather.
- Prick out seedlings into pots as soon as possible as they quickly begin to suffer if left in seed trays.
- Plant Jerusalem artichokes and (in the south) early potatoes.
- Keep notes of everything you do and plant in the garden: *Our Garden Book* is a most attractive garden planner and record book (published by Eyebright Publications, £7.95).

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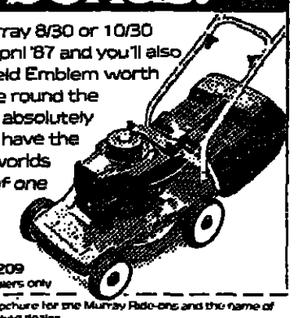
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THE TIMES COOK

Present rules for pasta perfect

Lizzie Spender, our guest cook, says simple home-made sauces are the best partners for good quality dried pasta

If you were to move the population of Italy to England tomorrow, they would not sit around bemoaning the lack of Pecorino cheese or fresh plum tomatoes. Instead they would set to work concocting marvellous pasta dishes out of local English produce.

Pasta is not only delicious and popular with all ages, it is also economical, easy to prepare and good for you; no wonder sales of pasta and sauces are currently booming in this country. The results achieved when using a good quality pasta and a simple sauce prepared at home with easily available ingredients are actually better than those achieved with the more expensive and less convenient fresh pastas and bought sauces.

It is a fallacy that pasta is fattening. It is actually possible to lose weight eating pasta with a light sauce, twice a day. Not only is pasta surprisingly low in calories, it is also a very sustaining food, creating a long lasting and very even energy – that's why marathon runners eat it.

There are three essentials for successful pasta.

1. Use a good quality 100 per cent durum wheat semolina pasta (such as Barilla or Fili de Cecco de Fillipo), or good quality wholewheat pasta.

2. Cook it in plenty of lightly salted, fast boiling water (2 pints per 4oz of pasta) until *al dente* (firm but not hard to the bite). Drain immediately.

3. Serve it as soon as it is ready and mixed with the sauce – piping hot (unless otherwise specified.)

This is a useful recipe for using up left-over chicken (you can substitute different kinds of pasta in any of these recipes):

Mark Pepper



Conserving energy: Lizzie Spender with the stuff that marathon runners eat before a race

Wholewheat pasta tubes with chicken, cream, mushrooms, mustard and Gruyère cheese

Serves three

- 2 x 15ml spoons (2 tablespoons) olive oil or 25g (1oz) butter
- 225g (8oz) onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 175-225g (6-8oz) cold cooked chicken, cut into small pieces
- 100-125g (4oz) mushrooms, sliced
- 1 wine glass (125ml/4fl oz) white wine
- 150ml (¼ pint) single cream
- 1 x 5ml spoon (1 teaspoon) Dijon, French or German mustard
- grated nutmeg (to taste)
- salt and pepper
- 325-350g (12oz) wholewheat pasta tubes
- 100-125g (4oz) Gruyère cheese, grated (or substitute Emmenthal, Jarlsberg or Cheddar)

Put the onion, garlic and oil into a small casserole. Cook in the oven at a very low temperature (275°F/140°C/gas mark 1) for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove the casserole from the oven, stir in the chicken, mushrooms and wine, and continue to cook over a low heat on top of the stove, stirring occasionally, to allow the chicken to absorb some of the liquids. Add the cream, mustard, nutmeg, salt and pepper, and stew gently for another 6-7 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in plenty of salted, boiling water. Drain and put back into the pan, or into a heated serving dish. Pour on the sauce and half the cheese, and mix together well. Serve immediately with the rest of the cheese on the side.

In Italy men traditionally prepare the next dish for their friends after a long night on the tiles. Whether this is because they do not dare wake their wives at such a late hour and in a drunken state, or whether it is because the dish has therapeutic properties against a hangover, I don't know. Whatever the reason, it is an excellent storecupboard standby for a quick supper, good for late on a Sunday night to eat in front of the telly.

Spaghetti with oil, garlic and chilli

Serves two

- 3 x 15ml spoons (3 tablespoons) olive oil
- 1-3 cloves garlic (according to taste), crushed
- 1-2 dried red chillis, deseeded and chopped, *or* ½-1 x 5ml spoon (½-1 teaspoon) chilli powder
- Salt and pepper
- 225g (8oz) spaghetti (or quills or bows)
- Grated Parmesan or Cheddar cheese (optional)

Sauté the garlic and the chilli in the oil over a *very gentle* heat. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in plenty of salted, boiling water until *al dente*. Drain and put back into the pan. Pour the oil, garlic and chilli over the pasta and stir in well.

Serve very hot with grated cheese on the side if you like.

The amount of chilli used in this recipe is entirely according to taste, but don't forget that the blandness of the pasta will dilute the power of the chilli quite considerably.

The next is a surprisingly delicate dish in flavour and colour, considering the ingredients used. Excellent for a starter, it can also be served as a main course with a big mixed salad.

Twists with anchovies, grilled tomatoes and cream

Serves four as a starter.

- 225g (8oz) fresh tomatoes
- ½ x 15ml spoon (½ tablespoon) oil
- 1 x 5ml spoon (1 teaspoon) dried oregano
- 3 x 15ml spoons (3 tablespoons) olive oil
- 4 anchovy fillets
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 8 x 15ml spoons (8 tablespoons) single cream
- 225g (8oz) twists
- Salt and pepper

Soak the anchovy fillets in a little milk. Cut the tomatoes in half and sprinkle with the ½ tablespoon oil, the oregano and some salt. Grill until soft. Then skin the halves and chop coarsely.

Chop the anchovies coarsely, and sauté gently with the garlic in the olive oil – taking care not to let the garlic burn – until the anchovies disintegrate. Pour the cream into the pan and continue to cook until the cream begins to bubble. At this point stir in the chopped tomatoes and seasoning.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in plenty of salted, boiling water. Drain, and put into the pan containing the sauce. Continue to cook over a gentle heat for a minute or so until the sauce is well mixed with the pasta.

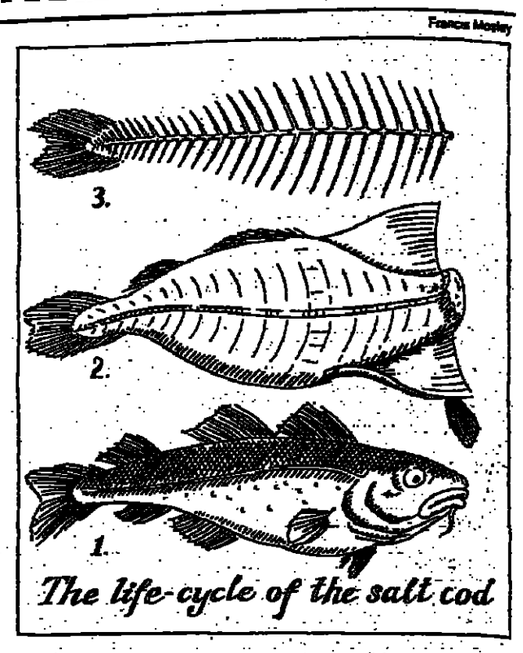
Serve immediately, *without* putting grated cheese on the table. That would spoil the delicate taste of this dish.

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EATING OUT

Salt cod and plaster icing

Frances Mosley



The life-cycle of the salt cod

Salt cod is, I know, not to everyone's taste. The very mention of the stuff prompts an oesophageal trauma, as though the intruder had banged a skein of knitting wool in your mouth. Me, I love it. And the right cook will make something grand of it.

The rightest cook is liable to be French; it is depressingly predictable that the best means of dealing with the reconstituted meat of this fish should belong to France rather than to Portugal which – touristic boast – has two or three hundred methods of cooking it, none of them as fine as the brandade of the Languedoc. It is also depressingly predictable that brandade, which is a sort of purée, and the Breton "fishcakes" of salt cod and potato are hardly to be found in this country. Slightly more frequently you may encounter one of the methods that involve tomatoes, onion, garlic and wine; and since the stuff is a Portuguese staple you must direct your wheels to Beauchamp Place, the site of half this country's Portuguese restaurants, normally a byword for glossy rip-offs, poncey products and pricey pretension.

The interior of Ports is like a chic Italian place with ornamental amendments to render it properly Portuguese. Otherwise this airy basement is all greenery and quarry-tiling and tables that are gravely undersized. The cooking is impressive. The dishes tend towards simplicity whilst steering clear of peasant grossness – which is always a threat with rudimentary cuisines. Equally they steer clear of gimmickry and preciousness. What we have here is a range of mainly trad compositions executed with greater care than might be their usual fate.

Salt cod is offered in two guises, the first with onion, garlic, tomatoes etc; the other as a char-grilled steak just about the size of a VHS cassette. This latter was quite something. It was grilled with a minute dice of garlic, chilli and olives; and it sat in a lake of sweet olive oil, its only companions a herd of new potatoes. It's the kind of dish that is unwittingly deprecated as "home cooking", an epithet that begs the question – whose home? In this case, that of a talented chef who knows when to leave things alone.

This is by no means the only thing that commends the joint.

> 'The best means of dealing with it predictably belong to France rather than to Portugal'

There is a good cabbage soup with chorizo and, again, olive oil – it is close to the more substantial cabbage hot pot of Galicia. The Indian Ocean fish pomfret turns up here as one of a trio of grilled fishes only to have its rather elusive flavour overwhelmed by those of trout and mullet, not to mention piri-piri sauce which seems variable in its components but here was made of a ragout of peppers, tomato, chilli, and onion moistened with a fish stock.

Sweets are just that. The strong, soft ewe's cheese is a match for any such cheese. The wine called Pasmados from Estremadura, the northern hinterland of Lisbon, needs far longer to breathe than it'll get in a restaurant, though decanting would have helped. About £50-£60 for two.

Fogareiro is a Portuguese restaurant with no salt cod on its menu. It is also a Portuguese restaurant which demonstrates the dangers of having too close a relationship with a plasterer. The food is fine. Nice asparagus with properly made Hollandaise. Simply grilled sardines. A whole sea bass with a creamy garlic sauce. Overdone steak with piri-piri sauce that is here a chilli-spiked shell reduction. Floating islands – tumorous lumps of soft meringue sinking into a plate of custard. Nasty coffee, boiled off and again. To drink: a crude, pleasant attempt at a dry Muscat.

Now the plasterer. The problem was evidently how to lend a quintessentially English Victorian brick building a Portuguese air. The answer was to have the demon plasterer mug the place, cake it in thick white icing and leave two wobbly holes for windows. Before it dried the icing was slashed with random incisions. The result is Finchley's most extravagantly inappropriate exterior, something to cherish. £56 for two.

Jonathan Meades

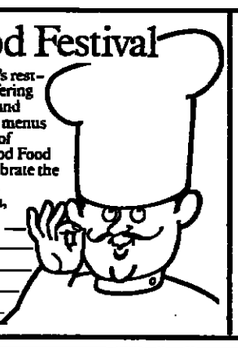
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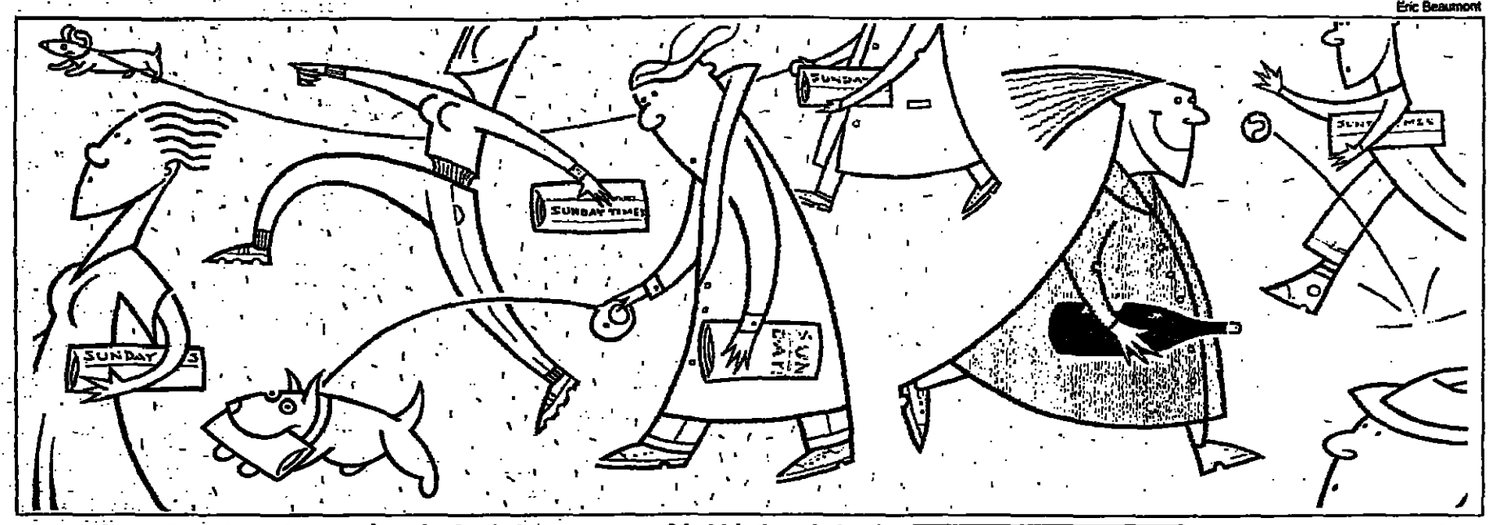
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DRINK

A case (or two) for Sunday trading

Buying wine by the case saves time and money (usually at least 10 per cent). But if you can't be at home in the week to take deliveries, and hate the Saturday crush, Sundays are ideal for tasting and choosing at leisure, with your car boot comfortably near. Jane MacQuitty lists the best of the Sunday openers

Eric Beaumont



ODDBINS

85 branches from Cornwall to the Highlands, including Liverpool, Manchester, Swansea and Cardiff. Most open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-8.30pm.

Knowledgeable staff, low prices, bare floorboards and wooden bins sum up Oddbins' successful no-frills approach to wine retailing. Oddbins' Italian and ever-expanding Australian section should not be missed. Nor should their champagne, malt whisky or sherry.

GOUGH BROS

115 branches in London and the South; also at Agnews in the Newcastle area. Most open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-9.30pm.

Gough Bros are owned by Seagrams and their new much-improved wine selection is now bought by the canny Oddbins wine buyers.

VICTORIA WINE COMPANY

281 branches nationwide open on Sundays mostly from noon-2pm and 5-7pm.

Stylish new shop fronts and interiors have helped drag this high street chain into the 1980s. But the unbelievably dreary new Grants of St James's Selection does not inspire confidence. As always, to get the best from Vic Wine badger your local branch manager for the latest list and order the often starry "Cellar Selection".

ARTHUR RACKHAM

Nine branches in London and Surrey, open on Sunday from noon-2pm and 7-9pm.

Discerning wine buffs are unlikely to have visited these small, bottle-bulging, still family-owned shops. But the range of champagnes plus some decent young claret and Australian wines, coupled with the odd good Alsace, Loire and Spanish offering, just about make Rackham's a worthwhile Sunday outing.

CULLENS

60 licensed branches, open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-9pm.

Seduced by smart new jade-green shop fronts backed up by bright well organized designer-built interiors, the Cullens customers are now offered only a limited range of wines. Les Amis du Vin buy Cullens wines so expect to see lots of their own-label fodder here. Opt instead for classy Australian wines such as those from Yalumba and Rothbury Estate.

BIBENDUM

113 Regents Park Road, London NW1 (01-586 9761). Open Sunday 11am-6pm.

Once Chalk Farm Garage, this bright spacious cases-only wine emporium is London's most upmarket wine warehouse. No Liebfraumilch here, just pukka informed service including free London delivery seven days a week, purchases loaded into cars et al. An exciting French regional, Italian and Australian range plus good Rhônes and sound Bordeaux all help to slake the thirsts of trendy NW1-ers.

BUCKINGHAMS

98 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 (01-727 5148) and 6 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-584 1450). Open from noon-2pm and 7-9pm on Sundays.

Boldly and not altogether accurately billed as "London's finest wine merchant", Buckinghams' neat, tidy, traditional bin-lined shops encourage relaxed Sunday browsing. Prices are on the higher side but knowledgeable service compensates. Stick principally to classics such as fine claret and port plus some good California and Australian offerings.

WIZARD WINE

Unit 2, 226 Purley Way, Croydon, Surrey (01-686 5703) and 95-97 Hawks Road, Kingston, Surrey (01-546 9764). Open Sundays 10am-5pm.

Deep in the heart of urban Sunday DIY land, whacky Wizard Wine was founded by an ex-Majestic man. Wizard's monthly tastings, case-only sales, easy car parking plus taste before you buy are all part of the Majestic method, as is the wide-ranging list that is especially good on French country wines plus those of California and Spain.

DEL MONICO

64 Old Compton Street, London W1 (01-437 2738/8269). Open noon-2pm Sunday.

This Soho great-grand-daddy of today's cut-price wine merchants was founded in 1925 and is still going strong with Irving Bernard at the helm. No wine hangs around for long in this cramped cluttered shop so nip along now for some Bulgarian Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay bargains plus Rioja and port.

WHYNOT WINE WAREHOUSES

Head office 061 439 8969 or 0625 527471. Open Sundays 11am-4pm (Shipley branch open Sundays from April).

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LA VIGNERONNE

105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-589 6113). Open Sunday noon-2pm and 7-9.30pm.

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SHERSTON WINE COMPANY

Head Office 1 Church Street, Sherston, Malmesbury, Wiltshire (0666 840644) and seven other branches including Great Yarmouth, St Albans and Wallington, Surrey. Open Sundays noon-2pm.

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PETER DOMINIC

486 shops nationwide; most open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-9pm (some until 10pm).

Sunday is a good trading day for Peter Dominic and, given the wide carefully-chosen range that this superior high streeter carries, it is easy to see why. The smaller branches like other chains offer a pruned-down list, but home in on a bigger PD to enjoy some first-class champagne and claret, including older vintages and Hugel Alsace wines among the European offerings, plus some classy California wines and Australians.

DAVISONS

76 branches in London and the Home Counties, open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-9pm. The Master Cellar Wine Warehouse, 7 Aberdeen Road, Croydon, Surrey (01-686 9989) open Sundays 10am-6pm.

Family-owned since 1875, Davisons' strength is mature yet inexpensively priced claret and burgundy bought early and cheaply and sold when ready to a traditional clientele. Sunday shoppers also stop off here for vintage port and a good Spanish selection.

THE MARKET/LE PROVENÇAL

Eight branches in London open 9am-9pm, plus Winecellars, 153-155 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 (01-871 2668), open Sunday 10.30am-8.30pm.

Spoilt by an intriguing well-chosen collection of Italian, French and New World wines. The Market's wine shoppers now have a chic new designer-built cases-only Wandsworth warehouse to consider. Winecellars' extensive Italian selection is a must, so too are their party wines. Tricky parking behind 153-155 is the only drawback.

MAJESTIC WINE WAREHOUSES

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THRESHERS

825 branches nationwide. Open Sundays noon-2pm and 7-9/9.30pm.

Not a lot to get worked up about but Threshers wine list has definitely improved over the last year or so and the occasional starry wine is now within their customers' grasp. The classic regions are the place to find these such as Bordeaux, Alsace, and the Loire, plus Tuscan wines.

BARNES WINE SHOP

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UNWINS

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THE ARTS

Shocks and shares

The latest in the series of TV dramas based on lifestyles more glamorous than our own, *A Killing on the Exchange* (ITV) promises to do for the City of London what *Inside Story* did for Fleet Street: that is, kill it stone dead. At least *Inside Story* got some of its excitement from the raw edge of actually producing newspapers: the new serial (or, at least, last night's first episode) gets little of its charge from the hectic dealings of the City — which we see only from frantically phone-waving walk-on extras — and most of its excitement from old-fashioned murder.

There is a giant takeover of chemical firms in the background, but that is hush-hush: hard-nosed, self-made banker John Field (Tim Woodward,

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complete with enigmatic glare tanght him by father Edward Woodward) limits conversation with his wife by means of such slogans as "careless talk costs clients", while spilling all the beans far more dangerously to his stockbroker mistress (Kim Thomson) in bed.

Meanwhile his boss, the finance director — heavy-drinking, tired old Charles Makepeace — cops out on the office floor; but this is no heart attack. The threatening phone calls, his secretary's faithful silence, his wife (Sian Phillips) and her suspiciously skewed version of events: all these add up to more than meets the eye and plenty for wily Superintendent Thorne (John Duttine) and green-eared Sgt Ballantyne (Adam Blackwood) to bark up the wrong tree about in coming episodes.

Dominating the proceedings, with statuesque immovability, is Joss Ackland's Sir Max Sillman — did his lips move, or was that his chin? — head of the bank and inscrutably prone to such pronouncements as "the world is like a camp-fire in the middle of a forest".

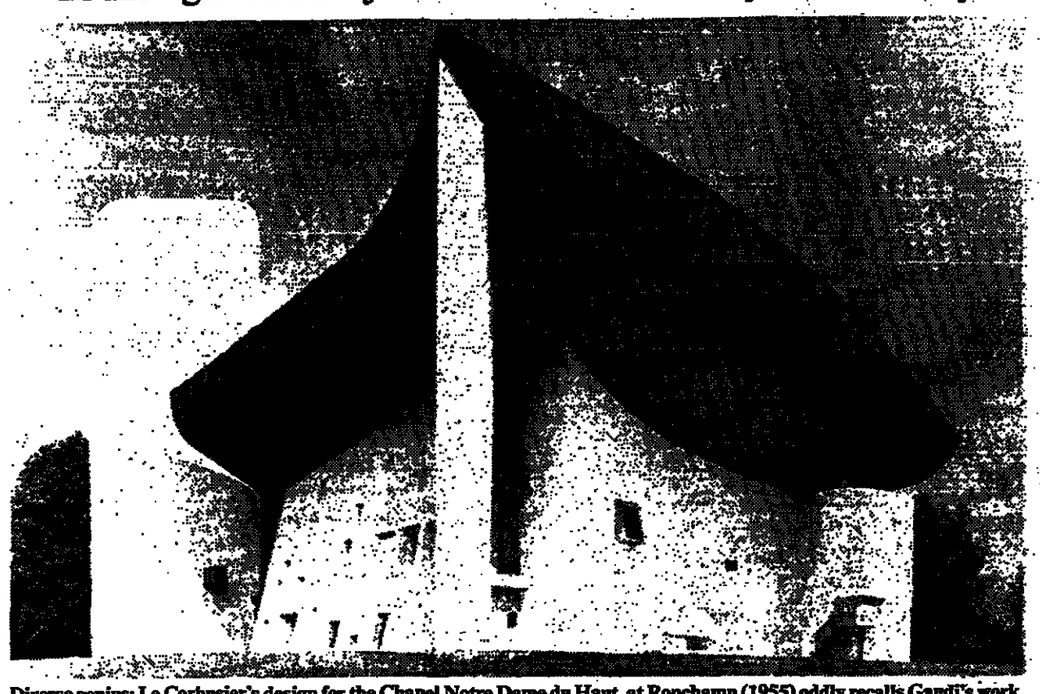
Paul Ableman's script is generally less believable in these details than in its broad sweep: the opening sequence of yobbos and planted troublemakers making a peace demonstration (outside Dinslow Chemicals, subject of the takeover) suddenly turn ugly is compelling, and the shadowy figures who lurk *behind the disruption promise* much over the next few weeks.

But the story does not yet show much graspable detail of the world of high-flying, far-falling finance.

William Holmes

A mystical realist

John Russell Taylor assesses the influence of Le Corbusier in the light of a major new show at the Hayward Gallery



Diverse genius: Le Corbusier's design for the Chapel Notre Dame du Haut, at Ronchamp (1955) oddly recalls Gaudí's work

Halfway round the Arts Council's ambitious new Hayward show *Le Corbusier, Architect of the Century* (until June 7) two American art ladies were comparing notes. "I guess it's just fine," said one, "except it's so . . . cluttered." The other shuddered. "Yes," she said. "So alien to the spirit of Le Corbusier."

Well, I wondered, is it? We tend to be led astray in our considerations of Le Corbusier by his associations with the Purist movement in the arts of the Twenties, and by his high visibility as the international spokesman of modernism in the councils of the world. But the reality is by no means so simple.

Against clutter? In a certain sense no doubt he was. It would obviously be unfair to hold the photographs of his own apartment against him: any prophet must be allowed a measure of "Do what I say, not what I do". But so many of his other buildings, despite their clean lines and gleaming, immaculate surfaces, seem to be conceived in the most human terms as machines for living in, with full acceptance that human life is often a rather untidy affair. The Maisons Jaoul, of the early Fifties, look very nice and easy to live in, relaxed in their organization of space and perfectly happy to let the occupants have their own little quirks and oddities.

Some of the Ahmedabad houses of the same period, with their similar Catalan vaulted brick ceilings, have the same easy-going quality. It seems that as Le Corbusier grew older he grew easier and more tolerant — towards his clients if not towards his collaborators — and reached back to the cosy arts-and-crafts provincialism of his youth. It would be terrible if a show devoted to Mies van der Rohe were in any way cluttered, but at least the early and the late Le Corbusier seem to accept crowding and variety.

Cluttered is, I think, overstating the case, but crowded the show certainly is. How could it be otherwise, when you take into account the extreme productivity and protean diversity of the man?

It is arranged sort of chronologically, but even if the early works come at the beginning and the late works at the end, the middle sections are varied to deal with an aspect at a time. There is a section devoted to six houses spanning almost his whole career. There is a section concerning his painting and other art-works — the sculptures, the enamels, the tapestries — again taking us through most of his career from the moment in 1918 when his friend Ozenfant persuaded him to take up painting seriously until the later, more collaborative, works. Other sections deal with the major projects of the Thirties, Le Corbusier's brushes with the sacred, his researches into urbanism and so on.

This all works rather well, though occasionally the switches of date within the same section are a bit unnerving. And it does all serve to reinforce the notion that, whether or not Le Corbusier was exactly the "architect of the century" (there are so many candidates for that title), at least he was a towering figure, to put alongside Picasso and Stravinsky, in the diversity of his gifts and his readiness to accept new ideas and the internal necessity of change. Clearly he never minded contradicting himself if the new, contradictory notion was better.

This is why in some ways he lies athwart the modern movement: though many of his ideas were worked out in functional terms, he was by no means so much of a rationalist, or even a realist, as he superficially appeared. He was also an idealist and even something of a mystic, perfectly capable of designing a church (the still unfinished Saint-Pierre, Firminy-Vert) which is at once an expression of a mystical concept and a witness to his, at the time, new interest in cooling towers. And it is surely not entirely by chance that his later religious buildings set one thinking of someone so apparently remote as Gaudí.

The other ghost haunting the show, curiously enough, is that of Frank Lloyd Wright. Of course Wright and Le Corbusier are not at all alike, and yet in certain ways there is a surprising parallel. Le Corbusier's arts-and-crafts, vaguely art nouveau beginnings with the Villa Fallet (1906) and some wonderful designs for fabrics, watercolours of plants and such, are, as well as recalling Mackintosh, very suggestive of early Wright.

And though their later developments were very different, there seems to have been something of the same combative and contradictory character about the two men: the captions to the show are littered with records of litigation and protest.

All in all, this show gives a more rounded idea of Le Corbusier than we have previously had in this country — the early works in particular, hardly any of which he chose to publish in later life, will come as a surprise to many — and as an architectural show it leaves very little to be desired.

Good photographs well displayed, models, original drawings, paintings, documents, are all there in profusion. Provided we are no more purist than Le Corbusier, we should be well satisfied.

Stranger on the Shaw

This week, Amanda Plummer made her British stage début, in *Pygmalion*

An American actress playing Eliza Doolittle in England might be forgiven for balking at attempting a plausible cockney accent. But it is not that aspect of Shaw's heroine which has had Amanda Plummer worried, but rather the plummy vowels of Eliza's post-Higgins Received Pronunciation.

Plummer, who won a Tony for her leading role in *Agnes of God* on Broadway made her British stage début this week in *Pygmalion* at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford. Her co-stars include Peter O'Toole as Professor Higgins and John Mills as Alfred Doolittle.

But what makes Plummer's trepidation so strange is that, aged five and growing up in New York as the only child of two transatlantic stars — the Canadian Christopher Plummer and the Bostonian Tammy Grimes — she had somehow acquired quite a smart English accent. She did not like it so, as a teenager, worked flat out to annihilate diction. Now she speaks in a whispery semi-Brooklynese that sounds like a child impersonating Cagney.

Her work, which has won her five major awards in a career only seven years old, has been called both "amazingly quirky" and "brilliant". She received three awards for her role as the novice nun in *Agnes of God*, and two awards and a couple of nominations for Jo in *A Taste of Honey* a couple of years earlier.

Yet there is little in her appearance — unplucked eyebrows, no make-up, skinny Olive Oyl limbs — that spells Rising Young Star. Not many leading ladies dress like she does, either, with a man's check cap topping a jumble of clothes, or tell you how they were once caught for shoplifting. "I stole paints and two books — they didn't get the books — and I was fined."

She has been appearing in plays since she was a baby, but it took her until she was 22 to finally become an actress. Why so long? "Fragile mind. I knew I wasn't ready. I was brought up backstage. I was the baby in the boat in *The Unsinkable Mollie Brown*, I stuck my tongue out at my mother in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*."

Her parents divorced when she was quite young and she lived in New York with her mother, existing for the most part in a world of fantasy. "Everybody wants to make you out to be the lonely, orphaned, abandoned theatre child. But everything was completely the opposite. I had an immensely rich life. And I loved spending time alone."

Playing to a British audience — *Pygmalion* runs for three weeks in Guildford before transferring to Broadway — is a challenge. The role of Eliza is, she says, an "impossible" one. "But I've never done anything I wasn't scared of. When I did Laura in *The Glass Menagerie*, I was terrified. Every woman in the audience thinks they know her inside out. But I thought 'I'm going to change their ideas of this girl.' I just hope people aren't wanting to see Audrey Hepburn!"

Angela Wilkes

Michael Tighe



Amanda Plummer: 'I've never done anything I wasn't scared of'

Slow, quick, stop

Red Steps
Apollo, Oxford

Siobhan Davies's parting gift to London Contemporary Dance Theatre before taking up a Fulbright Arts Fellowship for study and travel in the USA is *Red Steps*, a ballet to John Adams's *Shaker Loops*. The music, performed by seven string players, comprises 25 minutes of sharply separated notes which nevertheless form a smooth flow with a long underlying rhythm.

Davies's choreography reflects this structure in its contrast between very swift steps (exemplified, particularly, in Lauren Potter's open-

DANCE

ing solo, full of fleet-footed energy) and others that are very slow. Anca Frankenhauser and Patrick Harding-Irmer, for instance, take the whole first movement to achieve a partial circuit of the stage which they could accomplish in two or three bars of music.

That is partly brought about by exceptionally slow, controlled movement and partly by moments of absolute immobility, as much as 10 seconds at a time (which seems an age in a dance context) when the group, who have been moving quickly about and across the stage, depart, only to reappear on the other side.

There is a long sequence of slow duets in the middle of the work, in which Celia Hulton and Darshan Singh Bhuller are especially notable, he for his long, elegant line in low arabesques and the intensity with which he watches her bend gradually to touch the ground while raised high on her bare toes.

Hugh O'Donnell's décor of large paintings, mainly in black and red, is abstract, but evokes impressions of a huge eye and two pairs of ears. It thus draws attention to the fact that such drama as the work possesses arises from concentrating with sight and hearing, letting the mixture of visual and aural images suggest their own implications. This is an absorbing work, well-repaying concentration.

John Percival

La Bouche
The Place

Appearing for three nights at The Place, La Bouche describe their presentation as electric voice dance. The gimmick is that the sounds are all derived from the voices of the group, processed through microphones, loudspeakers and a lot of gadgetry.

The two men, Andy Arthurs and Philip Chambon, act as sound engineers and also obviously fancy themselves as composers, singers and raconteurs. The three women — Sonja Bucci, Fiona Cullen, and Sonja Rafferty — are allowed to sing a bit as well as dancing, and also get to move the microphone stands from one spot to another.

What they perform is a bit like a live version of rock videos, except that it inevitably lacks all the excitement that can be generated by trick effects on tape. It is, besides, poor-quality rock, without much drive or energy, and not sung with much flair, either.

The choreography is mainly by Peter Purdy, with contributions by two of the dancers and two outsiders, including Lloyd Newson.

The show is called *Amusing Ourselves to Death*; the quotation fits the venture's mixture of pretentiousness and apparent self-satisfaction. It is disconcerting that while real dance companies go short of funds, the Arts Council has decided to help this group, which bears as much relation to art as junk food does to proper cooking.

J. P.

Love in comic vein

THEATRE

The Doctor's Dilemma
Royal, Bristol

Having visited, on successive evenings, two of the country's three surviving Georgian playhouses (in Bury St Edmunds and Bristol), it would have been pleasant to set off for Richmond, north Yorkshire, to visit the third. Unfortunately, the theatre there opens only occasionally — and I hope the same future is not awaiting Bristol's Theatre Royal, currently trapped in a complex financial dilemma.

The dilemma confronting Bernard Shaw's doctor in his ever-popular play is, on the other hand, simple. Shall he save the life of a talented young artist with whose wife he has fallen in love? The simplicity is disguised by turning the melodramatic screw (doctor possesses wonder cure but only enough for one and could choose someone else). A further twist is given by the wife's belief that her husband is morally perfect; if ever she discovers he has acted ignobly she will go back to her beloved Cornwall, there to break her heart.

Shaw would have ridiculed such artificially extreme positions had he reviewed the play rather than written it. As it is, his focus slides away from the dilemma of Sir Colenso Ridgeon (Fulton Mackay), the moderately troubled doctor, in order to dwell on the home life of the Dubedats. In Leon Rubin's production Louise Jameson and Kevin Wallace give unusually vivid impressions of young love, clasping, gazing and even twining limbs about each other on the studio floor. Wallace is also unmawkish on his deathbed, though he has to take longer dying on it than any character outside romantic opera.

The play's principal attraction continues to be the antics of Shaw's crew of doctors. Mackay and Robert Eddison were not at ease on the opening night but a dapper Timothy Kightley confidently warned against the perils of the nuciform sac.

And Christopher Benjamin, as Sir Ralph Bloomfield Bonington — large in form and ripe in voice, bland, booming and besorted with his phagocytes — takes the play by the scruff of its old-fashioned neck and makes rich comedy of his richly absurd lines.

Jeremy Kingston

Allen Daniels



Christopher Benjamin as Sir Ralph Bloomfield Bonnington

Conducted tour by a showman

CONCERT

LSO/Prêtre
Barbican

There was no mistaking it: this was the left hand which had once guided and supported the voice of Callas. Georges Prêtre, in one of his rare London concert appearances, set out to mesmerize the London Symphony Orchestra with a harlequinade of gesture so expressive that, if the sound had been turned off, I am sure music would still have been audible.

Every muscle in Prêtre's eye, mouth and spine seemed to move vicariously for every instrument in the orchestra. Ravel's *Alborada del gracioso* vibrated like a huge guitar, the last note of the jesting bassoon folded with perfect ease into the first pizzicato of the cello.

For *Une Barque sur l' océan* Prêtre tuned himself into the Barbican acoustic. He mellowed the flute writing by encouraging them to take long, gusty breaths over the strings' tight tremolando, and recessed the brass against the wave patterns of the strings.

Debussy's *La Mer* showed Prêtre to be very much a man of the theatre. Even the gestures seemed to be made as from a pit: the high, fluttering finger exercises, the semi-vocal mouthings as the strings surged into downbow in "De l'aube à midi."

Prêtre took care to search for clarity of outline as well as the more easily achieved virtuosity of dynamic and colour. He would pick out the rasp of a cello, or the point at which cor anglais met violin, and control the "Dialogue du vent et de la mer" as if he had prepared every word in their respective speeches.

Mussorgsky brought out the showman in Prêtre, just as Ravel, orchestrating the *Pictures At An Exhibition*, had brought out the showman in Mussorgsky. Even the Promenade had a slightly self-conscious, springing tread, the nannies in the Tuileries pouted and pryed, and the marketplace in Limoges bustled with unmistakable Gallic *badinage*.

Hilary Finch

Past masters

ROCK

The Icicle Works
Town and Country

It is getting harder all the time to become a rock star, but still there is no shortage of applicants for the job. The Icicle Works, from Liverpool, demonstrate a standard of composition, musicianship and even inspiration that would have shamed many prominent bands of previous decades, but it has taken them seven years to achieve the status of sturdy second division professionals; a group whose records tend to reach the top three in the Independent charts, but stall just short of the national top 50.

Even allowing for the backstage keyboard contribution from session player Dave Green, the trio produced a remarkably full, meshed sound that perfectly complemented the clipped verses and magnificent choruses of their tightly-scripted material.

Ian McNabb sang with the dulcet, plummy tones of a latter-day Scott Walker, while the bassist, Chris Layhe, bolstered the choruses with harmonies that gelled to perfection. Chris Sharrock, whose busy drumming was redolent of Keith Moon's in places, kept slightly in front of the beat and, with many a grand, melodramatic sweep in the arrangements, "Rapids," "Seven Horses," and their one hit, "Love is a Wonderful Colour" (from 1983), were dispatched with casual excellence.

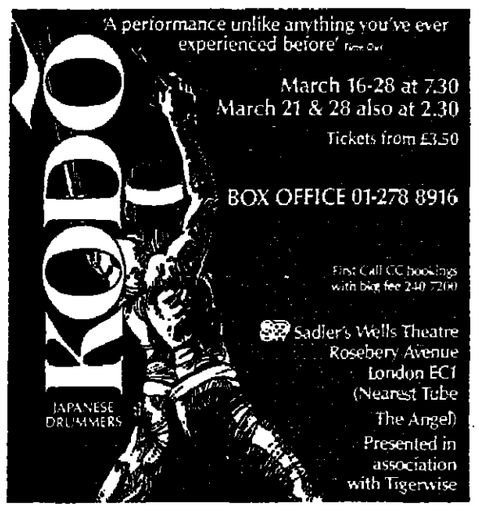
But the purposeful mood was dissipated at the end when a hectic version of "From a Whisper to a Scream" became transmuted into an extemporized nod at the past, incorporating snatches of "Who Do You Love?" "Magic Bus" and "Hey Bo Diddley." Before we knew it they were knocking out passable versions of Van Halen's "Jump" and even the Buffalo Springfield - antique "For What It's Worth".

Such excusions threw the preceding set into less flattering relief by illustrating how, for all their talent, the band, in common with many others, is hide-bound by the dead weight of a legacy that is fast becoming impossible to transcend. For all their bright, intelligent hooks and keen, dramatic flourishes, there is little more to be said — as far as this kind of mainstream rock is concerned.

David Sinclair

The world of music

- The European première of Andrzej Panufnik's Bassoon Concerto is to be given in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on March 26 by Robert Thompson with the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by the composer. The work is dedicated to the Polish martyr Father Jerzy Popieluszuko.
- André Previn and Lukas Foss, music directors of the Los Angeles and Brooklyn Philharmonics respectively, are to be co-artistic directors of this summer's Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute at the Hollywood Bowl and UCLA. The training programme for young musicians will run from June 28 to August 16.



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CHESS

Short's shrift for a pawn

This week I continue my retrospective analysis of the dramatic Kasparov – Short match for The London Docklands Trophy.

In a fearfully complex situation Short could have held on but, in trying to grab a stray Black Rook, he overlooked a cunning switchback manoeuvre by Kasparov's Queen and dark-squared Bishop. After that, Nigel's position became a smoking ruin, full of weak points.

White: Nigel Short; Black: Gary Kasparov. Game 2, Sicilian Defence, Docklands Trophy.

1 e4	c5	2 Nf3	e6	
3 d4	cxd4	4 Nxd4	Nf6	
5 Nc3	a6	6 Be3	b5	
7 f3	Nbd7	8 g4	h5	
9 h4	b5	10 Rg1	hxg4	
11 g5	hxg5	12 hxg5	Nh5	
13 a4				

Very ambitious indeed. The sudden attack on b5 seems to force 13 ... bxa4 when Black's whole Queen's side pawn constellation is broken up. Nevertheless, the ever-alert Kasparov finds an ingenious counter. The orthodox move for Short at move 13 would have been 13 Qd2 to be followed by 0-0-0.

13 ... b4?

A fascinating idea. Kasparov sacrifices a pawn to deflect White from his own attacking plans.

14 Nc6	Qc7	15 Nxb4	Bg7	
16 Nd3	Rb8	17 Na2	Nc5	
18 Nxc5	dxc5	19 Rb1	Bd7	
20 c3	Be5	21 Rg4	Ng3	
22 Bg2	Rh2	23 Kf2	Nxe2	
24 Qxe2	Bxc3			

Regaining the pawn in as much as 25 bxc3 fails to 25 ... Rxb1. Short should now play cautiously with 25 Qc2! Instead, Nigel spots a chance to pounce on Gary's stray Rook on h2, but in so doing he plunges headlong into a deadly and cunning trap.

25 Bf4 Be5!!

Only now did Short realize the deep point of Kasparov's idea. If 26 Bxh2 Black has the amazing switchback manoeuvre 26 ... Bd4+ 27 Ke1 Qxh2 with a winning attack, such as 28 Bf1 Bc3+ 29 Kd1 (if 29 bxc3? Rxb1+ wins) 29 ... Bxa4+ 30 Kc1 Qe5 and 31 bxc3 fails to ... Qxc3+. This fierce line, where the White King is hunted all along the back rank, was demonstrated by Kasparov himself immediately after the game.

26 Rxe5	Qxe5	27 Kg1	Rh5
28 Qd2	Bxa4	29 f4	Qd4+

A pawn ahead, Gary has no objection to trading Queens.

30 Qxd4	cxd4	31 Bf1	Bc2
32 Re1	Bxa4	33 Bg2	Bxg2
34 Kxg2	Re4	35 Kf3	Rg4+
36 Kf2	e5	37 fxe5	Kg7
38 Ke3	Rxg5	39 Kf4	Rxe5
40 Rxe5	Kf7	41 Ra5	Ke6
42 Ra6	Rxb5	43 Re2+	Kf6
44 Rxa4	Rb3	45 Ra6+	Kg7
46 Ra8	Rb7	47 Kg5	Rb4-h3+
48 Kf4	Rb3+	49 Kg4	f5+
50 Kg5	Rg3+	51 Kf4	Rg4+
52 Ke5	Re4+		

White resigns.

The third game will be screened on Channel 4 at 6.30pm today. Also today at 2.05pm the BBC2 chess series starts. Games from the important Karpov v Sokolov match in Linares will be appearing in the news pages of *The Times* during the week.

Raymond Keene

BRIDGE

Sun on the cards

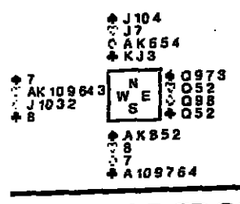
There is a wide choice for those who wish to combine their holidays with bridge. Sun-seekers can choose from a variety of exotic resorts like Casablanca, Paris, Deauville and Luxembourg. Bargain-hunters can brave the spartan amenities of the eastern Mediterranean, or the jostle of the Costa Brava.

Alternatively, for those who wish to combine bridge with a cruise, both Cunard and P&O provide special facilities. There are also fly/cruises which start in America and sail to the Caribbean or even Alaska.

A recent cruise on the *Canberra* provided astonishing evidence of the bridge players' keenness. While most of the passengers basked in the sun, the players were far too absorbed in the game.

The rubber bridge was notable for the cosmopolitan mixture of its members. On one occasion, a Pole, a Belgian and a Russian did battle with the chairman of the St James's Bridge Club.

East-West game, Dealer East.



W	N	E	S
–	–	No	1♠
3♡	4♠	No	4♣
No	5◇	No	5♠
No	6♠	No	No
No	–	–	–

Opening lead ♡K

South was desperately trying to find the easiest game. North, who had construed both four spades and five spades as cue bids, settled with obvious reluctance for the small slam.

Declarer ruffed the second heart and crossed to dummy with the ♠K. Appreciating that West's vulnerable pre-empt made it probable that East would have the club length, declarer shrewdly finessed the ♣10. He then returned to dummy with the ◇A to successfully finesse the ♠J.

After so much good fortune it would have been tempting to relax and draw the last trump. But to his credit South played a second spade, and was rewarded when West showed out. He could now ruff the fourth round of the suit with dummy's remaining trump, ruff himself back to hand, draw the trumps and claim the rest of the tricks.

Last week's bridge table contained an unfortunate error. South's hand should have been shown as follows: ♠ – ♡K 7 ◇A J 9 8 7 6 5 ♣A 10 4 3.

Jeremy Flint

REVIEW

Weed – all about it

PAPERBACKS

How to Stop Smoking by Simon Morgan (Virgin, £2.95); The Easy Way to Stop Smoking by Allen Carr (Penguin, £2.95)

Admirers of Bernard Levin will know that he is nearly always *right about* nearly everything; but that, in the small number of cases in which he is wrong, he is so with the kind of purblind obtuseness which, if it were manifested by anyone equally stiff-necked about one of the things he is right about, would bring Levin's righteous and corrosive scorn down upon the offender's head.

Foremost among these few of his blind spots is his failure to recognize the absolute necessity to encourage as many smokers as possible to stop. The reasons for this necessity need not be rehearsed here: their force is known to all – even, deep down, I am persuaded, to Mr Levin himself, who has pertinently written, "Who, enjoying in more than common measure something that is readily available, does not wish others to enjoy it too?" (*Enthusiasms, chapter 1*). Few enjoyments are as readily available as those inherent in being an ex-smoker.

In furtherance of the worthy aim of recruiting as many as possible to this enviable status, next Wednesday has been designated National Non-Smoking Day; and these two books have been rushed out to mark the occasion.

A bit less rush might have been advantageous. Both Carr and Morgan are ex-smokers who are now professional encouragers of others to give up – as, respectively, a consultant and a tutor on the Habitbreaker course. But neither, frankly, is much of a writer.

Time should have been found to edit out at least the worst of Carr's repetitions, tautologies, catachreses, inconsistencies in punctuation, irrelevant analogies, mixed metaphors and uncontrolled similes, and to ensure that the Appendix A promised by Morgan actually appeared.

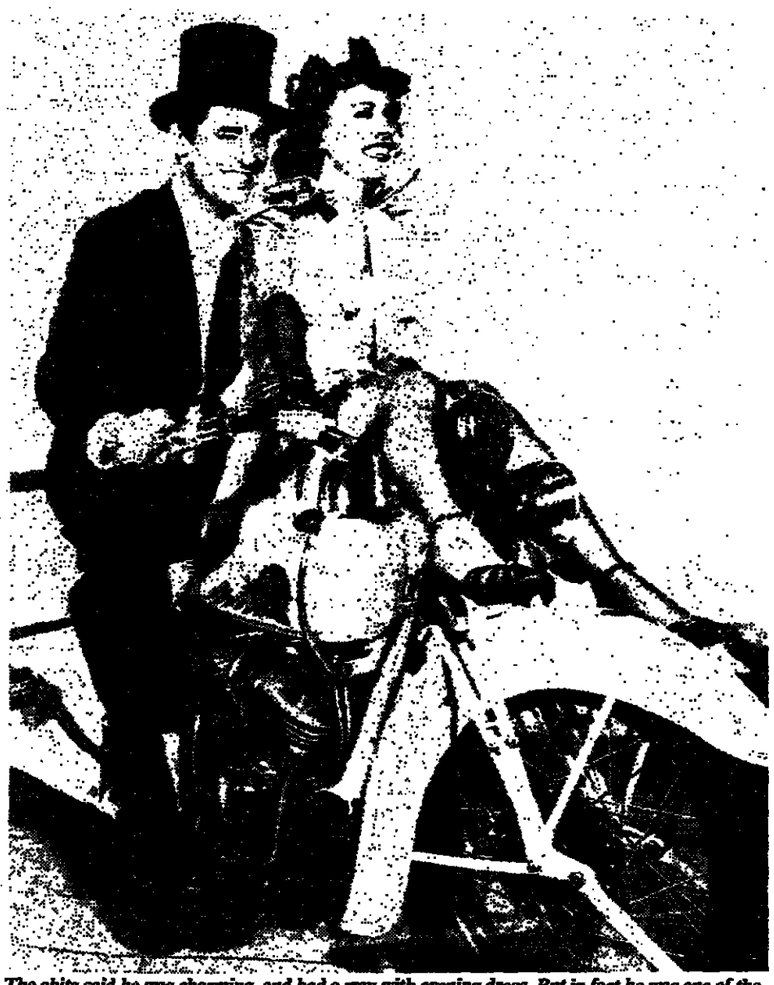
These things matter, not just intrinsically, but also because they are liable to vitiate the books' most worthy message.

Morgan's is an actual course-book – a chapter a week for seven weeks and the habit kicked, if instructions are followed and assignments completed, after chapter five. The tone is the hearty-hectoring helpfulness of Miss Manners, augmented with pictures of anthropomorphic ciggies; diction and constructions tend to the mid-Atlantic.

Carr's book is less structured. He deals in advantages and disadvantages in a tone supposed to be one of sweet reason. But, not least on account of its stylistic horrors, I was less than convinced of his book's potential efficacy.

Doubtless, though, there are those who will find one or other of these books an encouragement to saying yes to freedom from their slavery. If either succeeds in its purpose, then its faults won't matter a damn.

Michael Grosvenor Myer



The obits said he was charming, and had a way with evening dress. But in fact he was one of the greatest Hollywood actors; the best interpreter of intelligent conversation, his disdain always visible alongside the perfect manners. This publicity stiff of him and Irene Dunne was for *The Awful Truth*, and is in Richard Schickel's *Cary Grant*, published next week by Pavilion Books (£8.95)

Break In by Dick Francis (Pan, £2.95)

There's more to Dick Francis than violent action among horsey people. He tells us precisely what these people are feeling. It's impossible for them to open their mouths at all without talking "bitterly", "calmly", "dubiously", or "fervently", as the author recycles dozens of such words from his 24 books.

Sometimes he allows characters merely to smile or nod. Smiling is often done "wryly", "sourly", "aridly", or "twistedly". Nodding is performed "heavily", "benevolently" or "gloomily". One character is even said to give "half a nod".

The following sentences from *Break In*, printed completely out of context, make up a cameo worthy of Barbara Cartland.

The princess was waiting with her usual lambent patina.

He gave a critical glance from above a large moustache and long front teeth. He shook his head physically.

"Mmm," he said dryly.

Disaster dragged at her eyes. Her animation had gone into eclipse. She was concentrating on an inner scenario of obvious doom.

The silence was short and stark.

"Stay," she said briefly.

She could not disguise an upsurge of hope.

"Wow," she said thoughtfully.

I've seen nothing like that since I came across Stephen Leacock's *Literary Lapses*. But even Leacock didn't invent a heroine with *a long neck leading to hidden breasts like apples on a slender stem.*

When this grotesque-sounding person stripped off for the hero, he was not really surprised by her appearance. *She was, as he had expected, flat and round.*

Still, Francis does let his hero meet one exciting female. *She skittered about restlessly, sweating copiously and rolling her eyes.*

But that was no lady. That was his horse.

Kenneth Robinson

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Sing-song ding-dong

A war of attrition between innovative producers and singers favouring more traditional concepts continues to sweep European opera houses. Following my reports of scandals in Zurich and Milan, news of the latest offensive comes from Hamburg.

Plans for a new production of *Rigoletto* had to be scrapped in rehearsals when Italian baritone Leo Nucci announced he would not sing the title role in the manner required by West German director Johannes Schaaf.

Conductor Guiseppe Sinopoli tried in vain to mediate, and the management was forced to import a production from Nuremberg. Magnanimous in victory, Nucci offered several performances without payment to compensate for the rumpus. Schaaf beat a hasty retreat, saying he would try out his concept elsewhere.

● **In a rare burst of generosity, the Arts Council has substantially increased its grant to a regional theatre group – but presumably it's looking for a quick return. The Halifax-based company is called IOU.**

Wouldn't it be loverly?

After her successful recordings of *West Side Story* and *South Pacific*, I hear Kiri Te Kanawa has begun dropping her "h"s



Irons and Te Kanawa

as Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* for Decca – with some unusual partners. Jeremy Irons is providing the elocution lessons as Professor Higgins. John Gielgud is Colonel Pickering, and Peter Ustinov is her dustman dad.

Woad works at the garden

Michael Rennison, associate producer at Covent Garden, has a way with words. Deeply *unimpressed by the house's* recent *Norma*, he told producer John Copley he found it boring and the stage had been awash with a monotonous blue. When Copley protested that the ancient Britons' garments were woad, not blue, he replied: "Precisely. It was a *middle of the woad* production." Now Rennison *is planning a much better* version in August – in Santiago. He is confident of artistic appreciation, but is less certain of the political response in Chile to an opera he regards as a cry for human rights.

Gavin Bell

Traum and dream

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Liszt/Strauss: Lieder. Fassbaender/Gage. DG CD 419 238-2 (LP 419 238-1)
Soirée française: Ameling/Jansen. Philips CD 412 628-2 (LP 412 628-1)
Dvořák/Kodály: "American" Quartet/Quartet No 2. Hagen Quartet. DG CD 419 601-2 (LP 601-1, Cassette 601-4)

There are few more startling portraits of Liszt than that unveiled by that pungently individual contralto, Brigitte Fassbaender. In her opening song, "Vergiftet sind meine Lieder", the full venom of Heine's "nest of serpents" is spat out of the histrionic top of the register. Her choice is idiosyncratic: the long "Die drei Zigeuner" folk narrative which Liszt moulds into a menacing drama is further conjured by Fassbaender into a monologue of disturbing and defiant sensuality. There is also a good handful of gentler Goethe and Hugo settings, like "Uber allen Gipfeln" and "Oh! quand je dors", all given the characteristic intense, velvet-phrased Fassbaender treatment.

Her Strauss is, by comparison, refreshingly light-handed. Three of the OP10 songs from "Letzte Blätter" epitomize her approach: a clarity of line with lightly suspended breath moving through each vowel keeps "Allerseelen" and "Morgen" on the move, without reducing the shadow of anxiety which hovers behind them. It's good, too, to hear "Zueignung" so firmly anchored in a richly coloured accompaniment from Fassbaender's pianist, Irwin Gage. His playing adds considerably to the pleasure of this recital.

If Fassbaender provides a generous helping of Germanic *Traum*, then Elly Ameling's latest collection is the stuff of which dreams are made. In Debussy's "Beau soir" and Fauré's "Après un rêve", the recording acoustic melts Ameling's close meshing of text and musical phrase into thin air. And there is also the challenge of new discovery: Ameling and the ever-engaging Rodolf Jansen take on three austere little Hans Andersen songs by Honegger, and Roussel's strange, oblique piece of chinoiserie, "Réponse d'une épouse sage", among several rarities in this recital.

I was greatly impressed by the young Salzburg Hagen Quartet when I heard them at the Hohenems Festival last summer. They take little for granted, even in the most standard quartet repertoire: theirs is a fresh sound, constantly exploring. Their first Schubert recording (DG 419 171-2) is one I still frequently play: their latest, an imaginative twinning of Dvořák's "American" Quartet with Kodály's Second, has no less distinction.

They cut the Dvořák down to size – this is a fine-weave, miniaturist reading – and delight in timbre-tasting and split-second repartee in the prismatic syncopations and modal melodies of Kodály. Five of Dvořák's "Cypresses", little tone poems he arranged from a sequence of love songs, are added as encores.

Hilary Finch

Mercury rising

JAZZ RECORDS

Wayne Shorter Phantom Navigator (CBS 450365)
Gary Burton Whiz Kids (ECM 1329)
David Torn Cloud About Mercury (ECM 1322)

Jazz-rock really should carry a health warning. Remembering the urgency of the young Wayne Shorter's playing with the Jazz Messengers, the *serene* unorthodoxy that he brought to Miles Davis's band and his occasional moments of grandeur with Weather Report, by comparison the mewling synthesizers and infantile melodies of Phantom Navigator suggest a complete loss of artistic judgement.

Shorter was clearly an important influence on the Scottish saxophone prodigy Tommy Smith, who turns Gary Burton's quartet into a quintet on Whiz Kids – a disappointingly bland effort, despite the leader's characteristically lucid vibraharp solos.

Turn instead to the electronic maelstrom of Cloud About Mercury, where the unorthodox guitarist David Torn, Mark Isham (trumpet), Tony Levin (bass) and Bill Bruford (drums) play the sort of jazz that must have been forming in Jimi Hendrix's dreams before he died.

Richard Williams

A light is dimmed

ROCK RECORDS

Tom Verlaine: Flash Light (Fontana SFLP1)
The Comsat Angels: Chasing Shadows (Island ILPS9855)
Siouxsie and the Banshees: Through the Looking Glass (Wonderland SHELP4)

Despite the far-reaching influence of Tom Verlaine's work – both with CBGB new-wavers Television in the *1970s and throughout* his subsequent solo career – he has been damned to relative obscurity by the stubborn opacity of his music.

On **Flash Light** he continues to utilize the populist format of two guitars, bass and drums but in such a way as to defy categorization and to deflect attention from the traditional hard-rocking appeal of such a line-up.

His voice seems to be the missing link between Neil Young and Jim Kerr. In "Bomb" he sings, over skittish and unhappy guitar forays, about the joys of disintegration. Hard, strafing riffs combine like building blocks to form the verses of "Cry Mercy, Judge" but fall short of providing a chorus while "The Scientist Writes a Letter" stops and starts with an uncertainty that feels as painful as the dilemma of the song's protagonist.

It is a bumpy ride and, on a prosaic level, difficult to be sure of exactly what it is he is getting at. Alienation? Sublimation? Or is he simply



Directionless: Tom Verlaine

covering the tracks of a rather directionless trail?

The Comsat Angels still boast the same four-piece line-up that they started with in 1979, but on **Chasing Shadows** their mordant post-punk delivery has become focused and streamlined, not least by the influence of the album's executive producer, Robert Palmer, on whose recommendation the group was recently added to the Island label.

The eight original songs carry an eerie sense of surface calm – the relaxed Doors-style piano on "The Cutting Edge", the spacy bass riff on "The Thought That Counts" – but speak of far greater tensions beneath the surface. "The Lost Continent" and "Flying Dreams" are propelled by romping tom-tom patterns and the sinister *undercurrents* lend a distinct edge to a well-rounded production.

As usual, Siouxsie and The Banshees are perfectly in step with the times and, with rock currently behaving like the snake trying to eat its own tail, what better moment to release a collection of cover versions. Siouxsie's very own *Pin-Ups*?

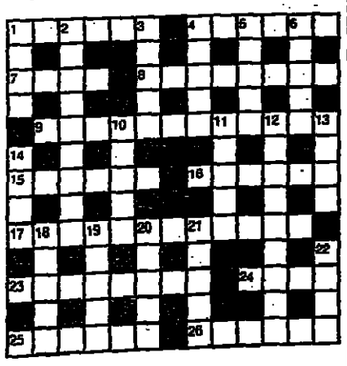
Through the Looking Glass succeeds because, like Bowie, Siouxsie has the force of personality as a performer to stamp her mark on other people's material without feeling the need to dislocate the original arrangements too dramatically. She comes unstuck with an over-ambitious chamber-rock version of Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit", but breathes sparkling new life into the Doors' "You're Lost Little Girl" and Iggy Pop's mogadon travelogue "The Passenger". If anything, she improves on Bryan Ferry's airbrushed mystique with her version of Roxy Music's "Sea Breezes".

The closing track is "Little Johnny Jewel". Tom Verlaine's first single with Television and still a minor masterpiece of sparse rhythms, guitar and elusive meaning.

David Sinclair

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1200

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7 Male bird (4)
8 Marital infidelity (8)
9 Post Epiphany Monday (6,6)
15 Light carriage (6)
16 Wonder (6)
17 Histrionically (12)
23 Foolish talk (8)
24 Hot springs gem (4)
25 *Came to pass* (6)
26 Feel repentant (6)

DOWN
1 Gambler's cube (4)
2 Be indecisive (9)
3 *Strum* (5)
4 Sweet Sauternes vineyard (5)
5 Japanese hard quilt (5)
6 Grub (5)
10 Overturn (5)
11 Japan's third city (5)
12 Film negative chemical (9)
13 Christmas season (4)
14 North Briton (4)
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20 Countrified (5)
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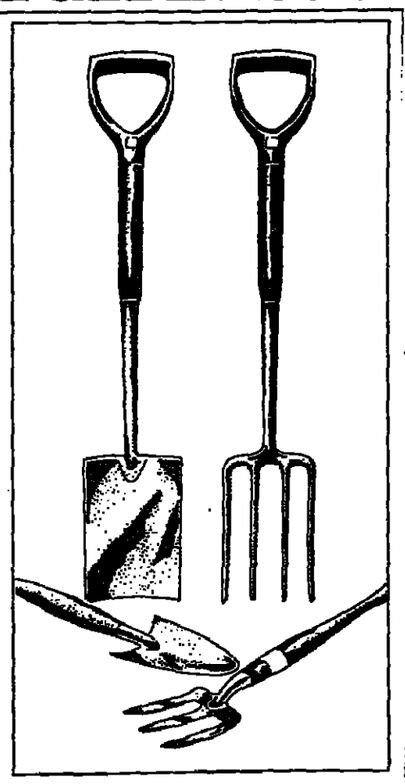
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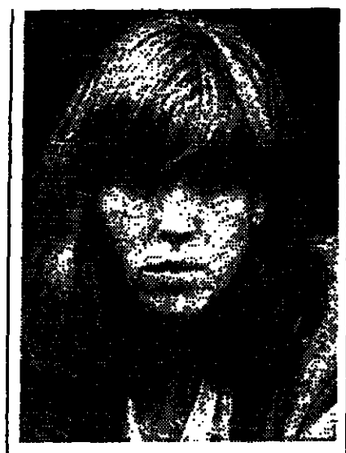
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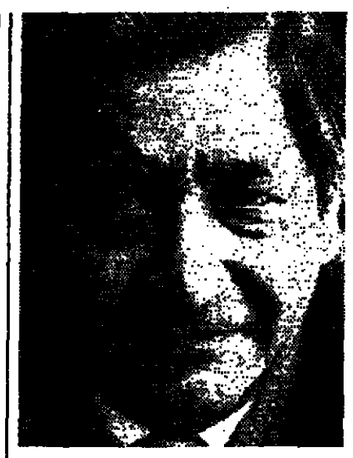
THEATRE

LAST DAYS OF EMPIRE: Haile Selassie, Lion of Judah, Emperor of Ethiopia, is the subject of a book by the Polish journalist Ryszard Kapuscinski, who specializes in wars and revolutions and was once portrayed on film in Wajda's *Rough Treatment*. The book, about Selassie's last days, has now been adapted for the stage by Michael Hastings and Jonathan Miller, and will be directed by Miller "in association with" Hastings. Royal Court Theatre Upstairs (01-730 2554), from Thurs.



TELEVISION

TEACHING SKILLS: Rudi Davies, daughter of writer Beryl Bainbridge, is a silent but haunting presence in *Inappropriate Behaviour*, a psychological drama in the Screen Two season written by Andrew Davies, creator of *A Very Peculiar Practice*. An American academic behaviourist (Jenifer Landor) arrives in the backwoods classrooms of the Cotswolds eager to try cherished theories on delinquency, only to find that behaviour modification can be a two-way process. BBC 2, Sun, 10.30-11.50pm.



BOOKS

COUNTRY DEATH: V. S. Naipaul's *The Enigma of Arrival* is his first novel since the acclaimed *A Bend in the River*. It is about England, and the development of a writer who arrives here from Trinidad in the 1950s. It is set mainly in the ancient countryside near Salisbury, which seems little changed since Hardy; but the ties that once linked country people are falling away and from his cottage the narrator watches the break-up of the established order (Viking £10.95). Naipaul is featured tomorrow on *The South Bank Show* (ITV, 10.30pm).



GALLERIES

FRENCH LEAVE: Roger de Grey was elected president of the Royal Academy in 1984. Since then the burden of administration, as well as teaching commitments, have left him little time to paint. But he does manage two months' work every summer at his house in southern France. His style is impressionistic, close to late Cezanne, and his speciality is landscapes. De Grey and his wife, the painter Flavia Irwin, are exhibiting recent pictures at Gallery 10, Grosvenor Street, London W1 (01-491 8103), from Wed.



OPERA

ROLE CALL: Edita Gruberova, the Czech coloratura soprano, has established herself as the world's leading Zerbinetta in Richard Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*. She has sung the role all over Europe, including the Salzburg Festival, but not in London until tonight's revival of *Ariadne at Covent Garden*. Anna Tomowa-Sintow takes the title role and Sir Colin Davis, long-time music director at the Royal Opera, returns to conduct Strauss's theatrical comedy. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (01-240 1066), tonight.



DANCE

STEPPING OUT: Jonathan Cope, the youngest of the Royal Ballet's leading men, moves ahead of more established colleagues to dance the *gala first night of Anthony Dowell's* new production of *Swan Lake*. Qualities first shown at a Royal Ballet School performance in summer 1982 have since won him most of the classic leads and several parts in new works. Those qualities include more than a touch of daring, which the Devon-born dancer will need. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (01-240 1066), Thurs.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

AMEN CORNER: Transfer from the Tricycle, Kilburn, for Anton Phillips's Carib Theatre production of the James Baldwin drama, set "among Harlem hot-gospellers". Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue (01-437 3686/434 1050/734 5166). Opens Thurs. Press night Mar 17.

ABOVE ALL, COURAGE: Wyn Jones directs an adaptation of the bestseller by Max Arthur on the Falklands campaign. Cast includes Amanda Drewry, Tim Faulkner, Alun Lewis, Timothy Morand, Martin Sadler and Gary Webster. New End Theatre (01-794 0022). Opens Thurs.

FACE DOWN: Steve Shill's "performance in five movements" is part of the *Home Work* season of new British theatre here. "A man, a woman and a lost weekend on Cape Cod in the Forties." Institute of Contemporary Arts (01-930 3647). Opens Tues.

GHETTO: Seamus Finnegan's tale of a Jewish family taking refuge in Venice to avoid the Spanish Inquisition in the early 16th century is directed for the Pascal Theatre company by Julia Pascal. Riverside Studios (01-748 3354). Opens Wed. Press night Thurs.

OFFICE SUITE: The stage premiere of two one-act TV plays by Alan Bennett. First production in new fringe theatre. *The Attic Theatre Club*, Wimbledon (01-540 0362). Preview Wed: opens Thurs.

SELECTED

SHAKESPEARE'S HENRYS: Michael Bogdanov's production reaches its last theatre before London. With Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, and John Woodvine as Falstaff. *Hippodrome Theatre*, Birmingham (021 622 7486).

THREE MEN ON A HORSE: Good-natured 1930s comedy about a man's magical talent for spotting winners. National Theatre (01-928 2252).

ROAD: Ian Dury in the Royal Court's promenade production of Jim Cartwright's scorching account of life and sex in dead-end Britain. *New Vic, Bristol* (0272-24388).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: The Resistable Rise of Arturo Ui Griff Rhys Jones with Brian Glover and Hugh Paddick. Directed by David Gilmore in Bertot Brecht's comic analogy of the rise of Hitler. Arrives in London, March 31, after Nottingham and Brighton. Theatre Royal (0225) 65065. Opens Tues until March 14.

BRADFORD: Kiss Me Kate: Direct from its Stratford opening, the RSC's first-ever US musical is en route for London. Adrian Noble directs Paul Jones, Nichola McAuliffe, Fiona Hendley, Tim Flavin et al. Alhambra (0274 752000). Opens Thurs.

LEEDS: Pravda: Regional premiere of the Fleet Street comedy by Howard Brenton and David Hare, directed by John Harrison, with Philip Voss in the role created at the NT by Anthony Hopkins: Lambert Le Roux. Playhouse (0532 442111). Opens Thurs.

FILMS

OPENINGS

DEADLY FRIEND (18): Exuberant, tongue-in-cheek horror romp from Wes Craven, director of *A Nightmare on Elm Street*; with Kristy Swanson as the battered daughter given a robot's brain by a teenaged Dr Frankenstein. Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). From Fri.

TRICK OR TREAT (18): A dead rock star of limited talent comes back to life to avenge his critics — an endearing premise raucously developed. With Marc Price and Tony Fields; directed by the actor Charles Martin Smith. Prince Charles (01-437 8181). From Fri.

WIVES: TEN YEARS AFTER (15): Three wives assess their lives and husbands during a Christmas binge in Oslo. Sequel to the 1975 Norwegian comedy hit *Wives*, with the same cast and director (Anja Breien). Cannon Piccadilly (01-436 3561). From Fri.

SELECTED

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): The sexual adventures of a black girl in Brooklyn. Cheeky, rough and ready; written and directed by Spike Lee. Metro (01-437 0757), Screen on the Green (01-226 3520), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220).



● **Wil Wheaton heads the cast of *Stand By Me (15)*, which depicts the adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959. The film, based on Stephen King's short novel *The Body*, has a sound track decorated with period pop tunes and is directed by Rob Reiner Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), from Fri.**

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents, emotionally involved with a former pupil. Nominated for five Oscars. Empire (01-437 1234), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).

JAZZ

CHARLIE ROUSE: Long identified with Thelonious Monk, Rouse's dry-toned tenor saxophone is at its creative peak. Bull's Head, Barnes Bridge, London SW13 (01-876 5241)

THE WESTBROOKS: Mike and Kate Westbrook and Chris Biscoe find the perfect setting for their marvellous jazz cabaret. Tomorrow, King's Head Theatre, Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916)

BILL BRUFORD/LOOSE TUBES: Tomorrow only, the quartet Bruford calls Earthworks — featuring Django Bates and Iain Ballamy — holds forth, prefacing a full week by Bates, Ballamy and the other 19 members of Loose Tubes. Tomorrow/Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747)

JAZZ WARRIORS: Courtney Pine, Harry Beckett and the brilliant young vibraharpist Orphy Robinson are among this modern big band's outstanding soloists. Fri, Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, Londo NW1 (01-387 8075)

RADIO

LORD OF THE RINGS: Ian Holme plays Frodo, John Le Mesurier is Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf, Michael Hordern, in this adaptation of Tolkien's work. First broadcast in 1981, it returns to Radio 4 by popular demand, and is presented in 13 hour-long instalments. Radio 4, tomorrow, 2.30-3.30pm.

THE JESUITS: A major new series in which Lord Rawlinson, former attorney general, investigates the legacy and influence of the Society of Jesus. Radio 3, tomorrow, 5.30-6.15pm.

SUMMER LIGHTNING: Vintage Wodehouse, with Richard Vernon as Lord Emsworth and Ian Carmichael as his brother, the Hon Gallahad Threepwood. Radio 4, Wed, 6.30-7.00pm.

LEGACY OF EMPIRE: New series, presented by Nick Clarke, tracing the enduring impact of the British Empire on many parts of the modern world. Radio 4, Wed, 7.20-7.45pm.

PHOTOGRAPHY

STAGING THE SELF: Extensive show covering self portrait photography from 1840 to the present day; intriguing and at times very funny. John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton (0703 559122). Until April 11.

SNAPSHOT BRITAIN: A modern attempt at mass observation, ie a vast cross-section of British life photographed by amateur snappers. The best 50 pictures will eventually form a time capsule locked away in the museum's vaults. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Until May 10.

CONCERTS

HANOVER BEETHOVEN: On instruments of the period, the Hanover Band under Roy Goodman perform Beethoven's Symphony No 1, Mozart's Symphony No 40, and in the latter's Violin Concerto K 218 the soloist is Monica Huggett. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

MOZART PLAYERS: The London Mozart Players Wind Ensemble play Mozart's Serenades K 375 and 388, Nielsen's Quintet, Hummel's Partita. *Wigmore Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.*

A MAHLER FIRST: Vast forces including the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra, London Choral Society and many soloists combine for the first-ever South Bank performance of Mahler's Symphony No 8 "Symphony of a Thousand". *James Blair conducts.* Festival Hall. Wed, 8pm.

TEMIRKANOV/RLPO: A Russian evening from the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic under Yuri Temirkanov: Tchaikovsky's "Manfred" Symphony and excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs, 7.30pm.

BEETHOVEN'S GHOST: The first piece Beethoven dignified with an opus number, his Piano Trio Op 1 No 1 of 1794-5, and a later masterpiece in the same genre, Op 70 No 1 "The Ghost", performed by the London Fortepiano Trio on either instruments of the period or modern copies. Wigmore Hall. Thurs, 7.30pm.

HUGHES/PHILHARMONIA: Owain Arwel Hughes conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* Fantasy-Overture, Rococo Variations (Julian Lloyd Webber, cello) and Sibelius's Symphony No 2. Barbican Centre. Thurs, 7.45pm.

HANDLEY/SNO: Bax's lovely *November Woods* and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 1 are the rarities at this concert by the Scottish National Orchestra under Vernon Handley. Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155). Fri, 7.30pm.

DRESDEN BEETHOVEN: Sir Colin Davis conducts the Dresden Staatskapelle, London Symphony Chorus and soloists in Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Festival Hall. Fri, 7.30pm.



● **On Monday, John Lill will play Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto in celebration of the London College of Music's centenary. Other works to be performed, in the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester, by the LCM's Symphony Orchestra and Choir include Berlioz's *Symphonie funèbre et triomphale* and Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on the Old 104th*. Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638 8891), 7.45pm.**

ROCK

SIMPLY RED: After one year in the chart *Picture Book* is back in the Top Ten and Mick Hucknall's Soul Magpies are beginning to look like an institution. Tonight, Kings Hall, Belfast (0232 668460); Tue, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); Wed, Newcastle City Hall (091 232 8520); Fri, Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775).

PARTY: The band fronted by ex-Waterboy Karl Wallinger promote their promising debut *Private Revolution*. Melodically adept rock. Tonight, Strathclyde University (041 552 4400); tomorrow, Fat Sam's, Dundee (0382 28181); Tue, Riverside, Newcastle (091 261 4386); Thur, Lancaster University (0524 65201); Fri, Manchester University (061 273 5111).

MICHELLE SHOCKED: The Texan singer/songwriter/-strummer combines soft folk balladry with a narrative lyric style. Tonight, West End Centre, Aldershot (0252 330040); tomorrow, Town and Country, London, NW5 (01-267 3334).

LOVE AND MONEY: The "Candy Bar Express" group who hate being likened to fellow Scots Hipsway, but who turn out a remarkably similar white funk beat. Tonight, Galashiels College of Further Education (0896 5775); tomorrow, Stirling University (0786 61189); Wed, Coasters, Edinburgh (031 228 3252); Thur, Ritzy, Aberdeen (0224 581135); Fri, Dundee University (0382 21841).

TELEVISION

THE FIRST EDEN: First of a polished four-part David Attenborough documentary on the history and geography of the Mediterranean. BBC2, tomorrow, 7.45-8.40pm.

INTIMATE CONTACT: The Aids epidemic invades the executive commuter belt as dynamic electronics businessman Clive Gregory (Daniel Massey) pays the ultimate price of a drunken celebration with a prostitute. Claire Bloom is his wife in a gruelling four-part drama written by Alma Cullen. ITV, Mon, 9.00-10.00pm.

FRENCH AND SAUNDERS: The prolific Comic Strip pair front a new series of skittish sketches, with delightful musical interludes from the bad taste duo Raw Sex. Alison Moyet is the star guest. BBC2, Mon, 9.00-9.30pm.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE VIDEO: A glib television evangelist, corrupt policeman and anti-pornography campaigner conspire to roll back the frontiers of the permissive society in a satanic comedy by Alistair Beaton, featuring Peter Firth, Ian Bannen and Annette Crosbie. Channel 4, Wed, 10.00-11.00pm.

LIFE WITHOUT GEORGE: Carol Royle and Simon Cadell star in a fluent middle-class bedroom comedy of sexual oneupmanship with serious undertones. BBC1, Thurs, 9.30-10.00pm.

FILMS ON TV

SAWDUST AND TINSEL (1953): Ingmar Bergman's more bitter than sweet portrayal of the loves and lives of circus performers. BBC 2, today, 10.55pm-12.35am.

PRIVATE ROAD (1971): Low-key, low budget, effective tale of respectable middle-class girl falling for pot-smoking ne'er-do-well. First TV showing. Channel 4, today, 11.20pm-1.05am.

NAKED CITY (1948): The seminal New York documentary-style cop thriller that spawned a thousand copies. Channel 4, Fri, 11.15pm-1.05am.

SHE'LL BE WEARING PINK PYJAMAS (1985): Eight women, Julie Walters among them, on Outward Bound course. Well-acted, superior characterization. First TV performance. Channel 4, Thurs, 9-10.45pm.

KID GALAHAD (1937): Boxing drama with Edward G. Robinson, Bogart and Betty Davis. Directed by Michael *Casablanca* Curtiz. BBC1, Tues, 2.05-3.45pm.



● **Multi-millionaire aviator Howard Hughes's directing debut was also the first starring role for the smoulderingly sensual Jean Harlow. The story of *Hell's Angels* (1930), about World War 1 fighter pilots, is unimportant and the acting little more than competent. What matters, though, are the astonishing aerial sequences, still breath-stoppingly exciting. Tomorrow, 2.30-4.45pm, Channel 4.**

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

YOKO TERAUCHI: This Japanese sculptor shows her refined yet robust Hot Line sculptures, made from telephone cable. Victoria Miro, 21 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 5082). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free. From Tues until April 4.

THE UNPAINTED LANDSCAPE: A Scottish Arts Council touring show illustrating the varied approaches to landscape of 15 major artists, including Richard Long and David Nash. Pier Art Centre, Stromness, Orkney (0856 850209), Tues-Sat 10.30am-12.30pm, 1.30-5pm, free. From today, until March 28.

THE BORDEAUX COLLECTION: Etchings by seven artists, including Patrick Proctor and Norman Ackroyd, depicting wine chateaux. Thumb Gallery, 20 D'Arblay Street, London W1, (01-434 2931), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free. From Tues, until April 10.

MARK REICHERT: The first London exhibition for this American painter. Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 0500), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free. From Wed, until April 4.

SELECTED

SONIA BOYCE: Powerful drawings based on a woman's experience of living in an immigrant community. Third Eye Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow (041 332 7521), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until March 22.

JOHN HOYLAND: Graphics and ceramics by the first among British abstract painters and recent winner of the Athena Art prize. Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford (0865 242731), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until March 25.

DANCE

ROSEMARY BUTCHER: Two programmes by this pioneering English post-modern choreographer. The Hall, University of Surrey, Guildford (0483 571281 ext 2112) 7.30-8.30pm.

JANET SMITH: Last performance of her London week tonight, then to Bracknell (Thurs until Mar 14). Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394); Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell (0344 427272).

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: New works by Siobhan Davies, Daniel Ezralow and Robert Cohan are included in the programmes tonight at Oxford and Wed (introductory matinée) to Mar 14 at Southampton, Apollo, Oxford (0865 244544), Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771).

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight, Mon and Thurs at 7.30pm Philip Glass's minimalist opera, *Akhnaten*, in its hypnotic, visually stunning production by David Freeman. On Tues and Fri at 8pm Jonathan Miller's *Tosca*: Phyllis Gannan now takes over from Josephine Barstow, and *Albert Rosen conducts*. Miller the entertainer is represented in his all-white, 1920s-style *Mikado* on Wed, and Sat Mar 14 at 7.30pm. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Still on home ground with complete performances of their new production of Berlioz's five-hour epic, *The Trojans*, flanking the week tonight and Sat Mar 14 at 5pm. In between comes their harum-scarum *Barber of Seville* on Thurs at 7.15pm and, a better bet, *La Bohème*, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras on Fri at 7.15pm. New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844).

KENT OPERA: Start of their new season with a revival of *Carmen*, with Anne-Marie Minhle in the title role and Ivan Fischer conducting. Thurs and Sat Mar 14. On Fri another revival, their attractive Baroque double-bill of Rameau's *Dardanus* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, this time conducted by Andrew Parrott. Not to be missed. All performances start at 7.30pm. The Orchard, Dartford (0322 343333).

CHERUBINI RARITY: *The Water Carrier*, set in the France of Cardinal Mazarin, is Morley Opera's rarity of the year: directed by Tom Hawkes, tonight at 7.30pm. Jeanetta Cochrane Theatre, Theobalds Road, London WC1 (01-928 8501).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LUDLOW FESTIVAL: Priority booking for 28th festival, which includes *Richard II* at Ludlow Castle, Peter Barkworth in *Siegfried Sassoon*, and performances by Derek Jacobi, Isla Blair and Emlyn Hughes. Advance postal booking from April 5. General booking from May 11. Box Office, Castle Square, Ludlow, Shropshire (0584 2150).

FOLLIES: Booking opens tomorrow for London premiere of Broadway musical by Stephen Sondheim, with Diana Rigg and Daniel Massey. Opens July 21. Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (01-836 6596).

HAYDN FESTIVAL: Booking for programme of chamber music. May 9-23. Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street, Sheffield (0742 769922).

LAST CHANCE

IRVING PENN: Exhibition of photographer's career showing his work in portraiture, fashion, advertising, nudes and still life. Ends tomorrow. V & A, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371) (01-581 4894/5 recorded information).

CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL: Colin Blakely in National Theatre production of Ayckbourn comedy. Ends today. Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 3686/7). 3pm and 7.30pm.

CAMILLE: Last performance tonight of Pam Gems's play, based on Dumas novel, and Verdi's *La Traviata*. Cast includes Diana Katis and James Telfer, directed by Peter Watson. Leeds Playhouse, Calverley Street, Leeds 2 (0532 442111).

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Travelling companion: Marie Rivière stars as Delphine, the indecisive heroine of The Green Ray, with (inset) Eric Rohmer

Rohmer's unscripted hit

Delphine, the Parisian secretary at the heart of Eric Rohmer's film *The Green Ray*, is in a pretty pickle. A girlfriend pulls out of a trip to Greece, and Delphine can find no suitable replacement. So she spends her holiday fidgeting and fretting, changing her itinerary at a moment's notice. For three days she is in Normandy with another friend's family: then she tries the mountains, only to return to Paris on the same day. Biarritz beckons, but the crowds of young pleasure-seekers only intensify her gloom. Waiting for yet another train back to Paris, she meets Jacques, a cabinet-maker, who seems a decent sort. Has her hour come?

Connoisseurs of Eric Rohmer's work, from the earlier series of "Moral Tales" to the current "Comedies and Proverbs", will immediately recognize Delphine's predicament: all Rohmer's young heroines labour mightily over affairs of the heart and the moral mechanics of making a decision. Connoisseurs may also recognize the actress: Marie Rivière, a dark-haired beauty, who previously appeared as the devious girlfriend in *The Aviator's Wife* (1980).

But *The Green Ray* — which won top prize at last year's Venice Film Festival — takes the 66-year-old director into new stylistic territory. Previous films have been so tightly woven in their twists, coincidences, exits and entrances that they verged at times on theatrical exercises, kept alive by the vibrancy of players and the scenery. Here, Rohmer began shooting — on 16mm — without any prepared script. Sometimes actors were given salient points to be included in their dialogue; at other times, they fended for themselves.

Rohmer seems as surprised as anyone by the results. "The scene with the boy in Biarritz," he told one interviewer, "is totally improvised. He didn't even know what we wanted of him: I made his acquaintance three minutes before shooting, because the person who should have come hadn't arrived." Marie Rivière played a far greater part in channelling the talk; Rohmer paid tribute by giving her a screen credit for script collaboration.

A tale unfurled at random can easily lead to disaster. Yet Rohmer has always excelled at modulating his characters' outpourings, scripted or not, and the improvisations blended with ease in the cutting-room. The Venice Festival prize was controversial — many felt Bertrand Tavernier's *Round Midnight* better-deserved the honour — but the French public have fallen on Delphine's indecisions with delight.

Geoff Brown

The Green Ray (PG) opens on March 13 at the Chelsea Cinema (01-351 2742).